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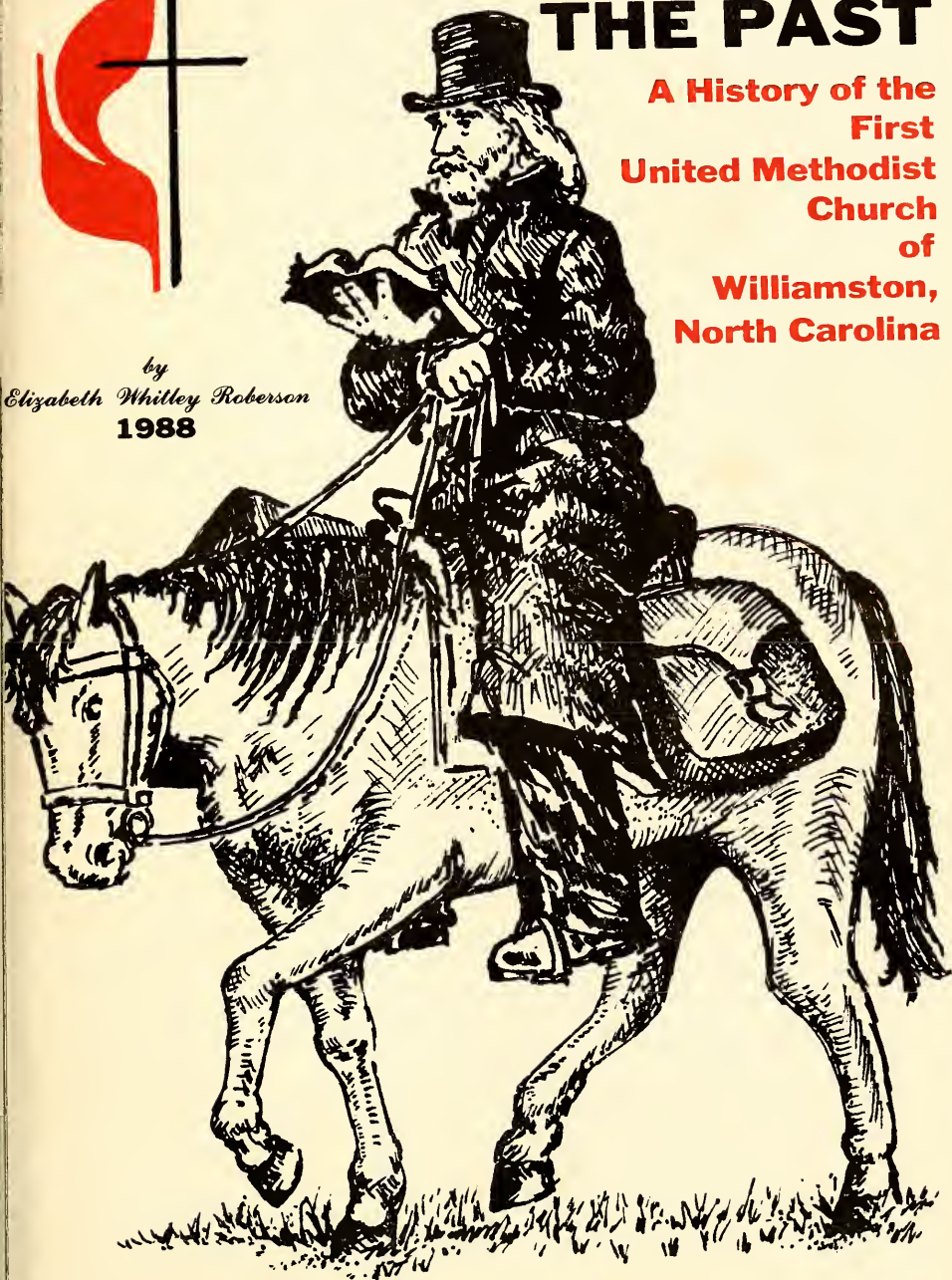
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*"The light of the Present is Knowledge of the Past!"*

## **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to the memory of my parents, Jesse Stuart Whitley and Beatrice Benjamin Whitley, who loved and supported this church for many years.

It is given as a memorial to his father, Herbert Stuart Whitley, by David Stone Whitley.





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## INTRODUCTION

Since I started doing research several years ago on the history of Methodism in Martin County, I have grown to appreciate more fully the First United Methodist Church of which I am a member. I have also been made aware of the great hardships our forefathers must have endured and the sacrifices they must have made in order to give us the privilege of attending this church today.

What began as a simple gathering of a few devout souls by the riverside to hear the Gospel message, has grown today to become one of the strongest congregations in the county. A famous historian once said, "You have to look back to see where you've been before you can look ahead to see where you are going!" So, with that statement in mind, I challenge all members of First Church to read this history and after doing so, decide what we as a body can do to carry on this "Our Legacy From the Past."

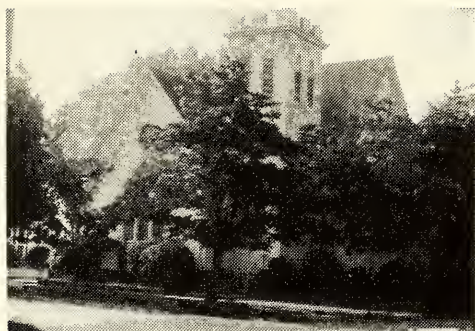
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"This is my Church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. I want it to be a Church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to goodness, truth and beauty. It will be, if I am."

"It will be friendly if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them."

"It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith; and a Church with a noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these."

"Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of these things that I want my Church to be."

by Dr. Hoover Rupert  
from his book entitled I BELONG TO THE CHURCH.



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## **THE BEGINNINGS OF AMERICAN METHODISM**

The Methodist Church grew out of the evangelical awakening in England in the early part of the 18th century. This movement was under the leadership of John and Charles Wesley, who would later send George Whitfield, Robert Williams, John King, Francis Asbury, and others to the Colonies to spread the Gospel of Methodism.

While students at Oxford, the Wesley brothers would conduct meetings with those people who were interested in developing their spiritual experiences. Because of their strict views concerning religion, they were nicknamed, "Methodists," and their group called "The Holy Club" by other students in the University.

After the Wesleys had the call to go out and preach, they went all over London and the surrounding countryside preaching "conscious salvation." This doctrine made them very unpopular with the parish priests, and they were no longer welcome to preach in the churches, but had to preach to the crowds in the open fields, private homes, or in barns.

As a result of the Wesleys' preaching, many thousands of people were converted, many of whom began to migrate to America. In 1760, two of these men who came were Phillip Embury and Robert Strawbridge. They preached the first Methodist sermons in America. In 1769, Joseph Pilmoor was sent to America and preached the first Methodist sermon in North Carolina at Currituck Courthouse on October 28, 1772. A church there still bears his name.

During the days of the American Revolution, it was dangerous to be a Methodist, since it was thought that Methodists were surely spies, Tories, or traitors. Methodist preachers were especially suspect, and many of them were thrown into jail with the only charge against them being that they were Methodists. Much of this persecution centered in Virginia, North Carolina, Delaware, and Maryland. In these states, men preaching the Methodist doctrine were beaten, tarred and feathered, or thrown into jail! One of the Methodist preachers, Garrettson, who came into North Carolina, was threatened by mobs of people, and he actually

witnessed the shooting of one of his friends who had entertained him in his home. When Garrettson entered North Carolina and headed for the town of Salisbury, word preceded him to that town, and the night before his arrival, a mob burned the house in which he was to stay. The same night they burned the house, they dragged the owner up and down the street until he was barely alive. These persecutions of Methodists lasted throughout the days of the American Revolution. It is evident then that it was dangerous for a person to admit being a Methodist during those days. How grateful we should be for the founders of our church here in Williamston who persevered through such adversity!

It has been said that after America won her independence from England, the first order of business was to win the people from the devil. At this time, there was great skepticism among the people concerning the reality of God in their lives, and there was a great need for preachers who could administer the sacraments of Baptism and Communion and who could go out into the backroads to carry the Gospel message. For this reason, the Methodist Church was to play an important part in establishing a church in the new Republic, and with its organization in 1784, became the first indigenous episcopal church in America.



Portable pulpits like this one were used by the circuit rider preachers as they traveled from one place to another. The one shown in this picture was used by John Wesley.



## ITINERANT MINISTERS OF THE ROANOKE CIRCUIT 1811-1859

1774—Robert Williams (Carolina Circuit)	1832—John A. Miller
1778—William Glendening (Carolina Circuit)	1834—George A. Bain
1779—Henry Willis Jesse Lee	1835—G. W. Dye
1780—John Dickens	1836—W. Compton
1783—John Easter	1837—W. Compton
1811—Henry Warren	1838—Henry Speck
1812—Josiah Phillips	1839—Henry Speck
1813—Thomas Moore	1840—Thomas S. Campbell
1814—Phillip Bruce	1841—Thomas Campbell
1815—Robert Thompson	1842—Joseph Goodman
1816—Samuel Garrard	1843—Joseph Goodman R. J. Carson
1817—William Jones	1844—William Duval
1818—Thomas Moore	1845—William Duval
1819—William D. Barrett	1846—Ira T. Wyche
1820—William D. Barrett	1847—Washington S. Chaffin
1821—James Smith	1848—Robert O. Burton
1822—Ira Parker	1849—R. O. Burton T. S. Campbell
1823—Miles Nash	1850—J. B. Martin
1824—Henry Holmes	1851—J. B. Martin
1825—Peter Doub	1852—Thomas B. Ricks
1826—Joakim Lane	1853—John Jones
1827—Curtis Hooks	1854—John D. Halstead
1828—William Compton	1855—T. B. James
1829—T. R. Brame David S. Doggett	1856—Henry H. Gibbons
1830—T. R. Brame	1857—Henry H. Gibbons
1831—George N. Gregory	1858—Isaac F. Keerans
	1859—Abram Weaver

## **METHODISM COMES TO THE CAROLINAS**

Francis Asbury, a most remarkable man, great both in character and ability, led and governed the growing number of Methodists in America. He took on the responsibility of training the ministers who would go out into the wilderness, and he chose rugged young men between the ages of seventeen and twenty-five who would be brave enough to stand up against Indians, desperados, or wild animals that they might encounter. They became known as "itinerant preachers," a term that had originated in the English Methodist Church where the traveling preacher was needed to reach the far ends of the parish. No settlement was too sparse, no road too rough, no wilderness too wild for these men. They rode on uncharted woods paths, unafraid of man or beast, simply trusting in God.

These young men were controlled by very strict rules laid down by the annual conference, and their salaries were anywhere from \$64 to \$80 a year! As one might imagine, this way of life was not conducive to marriage, so most of them never had the comfort of a home, wife, or children. Their life expectancy was about thirty-five years due to the hardships they endured.

The circuit rider was probably the most significant figure in the religious movement of the South. He carried all his worldly possessions on his back or in his saddle bags. In the evening, he might be in some pioneer's cabin teaching of Hell and Heaven, or praying for the outpouring of the Spirit on the family, or standing up on some platform in the woods urging his listeners to seek safety and peace in the loving arms of Jesus. From these early labors came our "camp meetings" which had such a marked influence upon the religious life in the South. From these camp meeting revivals grew the meeting houses which began to dot the sparsely settled communities of colonial America.

In order to have some semblance of order, it became necessary to parcel the Carolinas into prescribed circuits, with a circuit rider to service those communities. The first circuit was known as the CAROLINA CIRCUIT, and was formed in May of

1776. This circuit, which included the eastern part of North Carolina, must have been considered to be an important one, since three of the best preachers of that day were assigned to it. They were Edward Dromgoole, Francis Poythress, and Isham Tatum. Dromgoole, an Irish immigrant, landed in Baltimore in 1774. A man of high intellect and great moral character, he preached up until his death at age eighty-four. Poythress was a highly intelligent man, and was held in high esteem by Bishop Asbury. He was credited with bringing thousands of people to Christ before he died in 1818. Tatum traveled the circuit for only a few years before settling down in Virginia, where he preached for sixty years.

By 1779, there were four circuits in North Carolina. They were the NEW HOPE, TAR RIVER, YADKIN, and ROANOKE, named for the rivers bordering their limits. The ROANOKE CIRCUIT, which included the congregation in Williamston, was in existence prior to the 1778 Conference. Called the "Cradle of Methodism" in North Carolina, it was said that it would always stand in the annals of Methodist history as one of the best circuits, with members distinguished for their piety and social positions.

Among the first ministers of the ROANOKE CIRCUIT were John King, John Wade, and Isaac Rollins, who traveled to an area south of the Roanoke River in 1774. About the same time, circuit records show the appointment of Robert Williams to the Roanoke River area. He came to Norfolk, Virginia from England in 1772. Known as a "plain preacher of the Gospel," his manner of preaching was calculated to awaken the sinner! He was active in 1774, forming societies all along the Roanoke River. He died in 1775 and was buried somewhere near Suffolk, Virginia.

Even though the early ministers of the ROANOKE CIRCUIT did not mention Williamston as a specific stop on their route, we must surmise that they did come here, since Williamston was the port of entry in the 18th century for this entire area. Also, John Watts, the first local Methodist minister of which we have a record, noted in his Bible that he and his wife joined the church on April 16, 1778. The inscription read:

"April 16, 1778: This day I joined the Methodist Church with my wife, and about the 10th of June following, I

believe the Lord converted my soul and gave me peace in believing and glory to His dear name. I hope I still believe in Jesus, 1806."

signed

John Watts

Another inscription in his Bible established his authority to preach:

"This day, July 14, 1780, I received license as a local preacher to preach the Everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ to my fellowmen, and so I have continued to do ever since that time to the best of my abilities as a Methodist, believing the doctrine that is embraced by them to be that doctrine which Jesus Christ taught while He was alive on earth.

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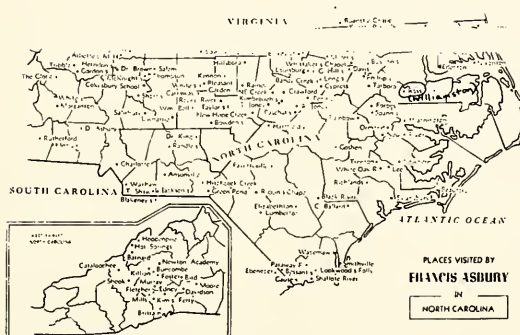
John Watts

It is not known where Watts joined the church or by whom he was licensed to preach since Bishop Asbury states in his JOURNAL that he ordained Watts in 1792. It is thought that before Asbury's ordination, he was just allowed to preach and not authorized to administer the sacraments. Asbury's commission is as follows:

"Know all men by these presents, that I, Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, under the protection of Almighty God, and with a single eye to His glory, by the imposition of my Hands and Prayer, have this day set apart John Watts for the Office of a Deacon in the said Methodist Episcopal Church; a Man whom I judge to be well qualified for that Work; and I do hereby recommend him to all whom it may concern, as a proper Person to assist the Elder in administering the Lord's Supper; to administer the Ordinances of Baptism and Marriage, and to Bury the Dead, in the Absence of an Elder; and to feed the flock of Christ. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this eleventh day of January, Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two."



The Circuit Rider Preacher



Places Visited by Francis Asbury in North Carolina



John Watts served the people in Williamston as minister until 1805. He was not a full-time preacher, but was also the driver of a stagecoach carrying mail from Halifax to Plymouth. In 1806, he was still preaching the Gospel of Jesus which he loved so well. Before the church was built, his home served as a meeting place for the Methodists of the town.

Conference records of 1775 show the names of Robert Williams, George Shadford, Edward Dromgoole, Robert Lindsay, and William Glendening of Scotland as preachers on the ROANOKE CIRCUIT. By 1778 however, Glendening was the only one of them left. In 1784, he began to lapse into a deep depression, which ultimately developed into insanity. At times when his mind would clear a bit, he would try to resume preaching, but he finally had to give it up. Even though he was unable to preach anymore, he did recover sufficiently to open a grocery store in Raleigh, which he managed until his death in 1816.

In 1779, Henry Willis and Jesse Lee were assigned the ROANOKE CIRCUIT. Willis, born in Brunswick County, Virginia, was admired by Bishop Asbury, who mentioned him frequently in his JOURNAL. His wife, Ann, was the sister of Francis Hollingsworth, the first transcriber of Asbury's JOURNAL. This man "of great gifts" really believed that his call to the ministry was of a divine nature, and he was said to be the most notable and pious leader of the early church.

Jesse Lee was born in Prince Georges County, Virginia, in 1758. He was a friend and companion of Bishop Asbury and was held in high esteem by the church. In 1780, he was drafted into the militia, but since he was opposed to fighting, refused to carry a rifle and was made to drive a wagon instead. After the war was over, he continued preaching and was made Chaplain of the US House of Representatives from 1809-1815. For some reason, Bishop Asbury did not approve of this appointment however, and the ensuing arguments over it caused such bitterness between the two of them, that it was never resolved. In 1816, he wrote the first history of American Methodism. He died in September of that same year, and his tombstone inscription said simply, "Apostle of American Methodism."

In 1780, John Dickens came to the ROANOKE CIRCUIT. Born in London in 1747, he came to America sometime before 1774 and lived on Fishing Creek in Halifax County. He was a man of integrity, and it has been said that he was not only one of the most noted early Methodist preachers in the state, but was probably one of the most distinguished in America. Asbury held him in high regard saying, "He was a master of the English language and a man of great piety and skill in learning." After serving the circuit for many years, he founded the Methodist Publishing House. He died of yellow fever in 1798.

Bishop Francis Asbury himself came south into North Carolina in the 1770's. Known as "The man who rambled America," he is given credit for doing more than any other man in firmly planting the Methodist doctrine in the United States, covering the entire eastern seaboard from Maine to Georgia, preaching in homes, barns, schoolhouses, and in woods, wherever he could get people to listen to him. Many times, he would preach as many as four sermons a day.

During Asbury's fifty years of ministry, he passed through Williamston and Martin County on several different occasions. His first visit was in 1788 when he preached a funeral service for some unnamed person. According to his JOURNAL, his next recorded visit wasn't until 1792, some four years later. It was on this visit that he commissioned John Watts of the Methodist Society to serve as a Deacon in the church.

His next visit was in 1803, some eleven years later. At this time, he said that "Williamston boasts a population of twenty families and about forty buildings." On this visit he preached in the courthouse, and told of the growing number of Baptists in the town. He returned the next year and preached at Gardner's Creek, visited John Watts' home, and went on to the northern end of the county to preach at Williams' Chapel. He seemed to be very discouraged on this visit and remarked that "we have small fruit of 25 years of faithful labours upon the rich lands of the Roanoke."

Bishop Asbury made several more visits to Williamston before his work was ended, and his entry of 1809 was the last known visit to this area. He said that he had traveled over a

quarter of a million miles carrying the word of God. Most of this time he didn't even have enough food to eat, and sometimes had no roof over his head, but on he traveled, spreading the "good news" of Jesus Christ. Some of the time, his legs were so swollen that he had to be lifted onto his horse and tied into the saddle to keep from falling off. When he would reach his destination, he would then be lifted off the saddle, standing and preaching to the assembled crowds. (See page 26 relating to specific Journal entries by Asbury.)

The next circuit rider preacher to specifically mention Williamston in his JOURNAL was the Reverend James Meacham. Meacham, a descendant of Richard Henry Lee of Virginia, was born in Sussex County, Virginia in 1787. In his JOURNAL he described the people of this area as being "kind and good." Like Asbury, he stayed in the home of William Williams on many of his visits, and oftentimes would preach to black and white alike. He was very much opposed to slavery and always preached against it if the opportunity arose to do so. His JOURNAL entry for Monday 27, 1794 reads as follows:

"I set out in the rain and rode 37 miles to William Williams'. I think this has been a day of solid rain. I am very poorly in body and mind, yet my trust is in the Lord whose mercy is over all his works."

His JOURNAL entry for Friday 13, 1796, reads as follows:

"This day I preached at William's Chapel from Matthew 8:11-12 to about thirty souls. The Lord gave me his sweet presence and my soul was greatly affected while opening the subject to the listening Souls. I then rode home with Brother Howard who is much given up to God, being but young in the Christian warfare. I hope God will keep him in perfect peace and bless his dear family. He seems to have a great concern for his whole house. His wife is not with him in the blessed way of life, but I hope she will soon come forward unto the Lord herself. Two of his Black Men only are seeking for a better world. My poor Soul leans upon the Lord. In family prayer, I felt my heart drawn out to pray for this whole dear family. I lay down to rest in the fear of the Lord."



Another of the early preachers was William Ormond, who was born in Kinston in 1769. Sometimes he would accompany Asbury on his trips south, and he preached in Martin County in the years 1791-1803. His JOURNAL tells of the great trials he and fellow ministers endured, and the discouragement they experienced with the poor attendance at their services. He died during an epidemic of yellow fever on October 30, 1803.

John Frederick Mallett, a preacher and book salesman, came here a few years after Ormond. His JOURNAL states that he stopped in Williamston, spending the night with Brother Bagley. He said he preached on faith and prayer since he found the people of Williamston to be very superstitious! He mentioned going home with Sister Esther Latham after services.

Phillip Bruce preached in this area in 1816. He was descended from French Protestants who fled to North Carolina to escape religious persecution by the Roman Catholics in France. He was born in North Carolina and served in the army in the American Revolution of 1776. He never married, but gave his whole life to God and Methodism.

Peter Doub, the son of a German immigrant, was born in Stokes County in 1796, the youngest of nine children. This great revivalist was considered to be the foremost theologian of the Conference and came to Williamston to preach in 1825. He was said to be a "strong" preacher and that some of his sermons were said to have lasted as much as four hours! Due to failing health, he had to leave the circuit, but was made Professor of Biblical Literature at Trinity College (now Duke University). He died in 1869.

The first real organization of a Methodist Society in the town of Williamston occurred sometime during the year of 1827. On February 22, 1828, a deed was given for  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land, known in the town plot as "Number 96." This land was purchased from James Clark for \$60 and was deeded to Wheeler Martin, Bazil Floyd, Ezekiel W. Wyatt, Charles Meazell, Jesse Gillikin, Lemuel Whittlesey, Peter E. Madders, Thomas Shaw, and William L. Williams, trustees. These men were some of the charter members of the First Methodist Society in the town of Williamston because

no man could hold the office of Trustee unless he were a member of the Methodist Church.

There is no record of the number of members in that first Society, but it was large enough to justify the building of a church and the hiring of a minister. A small, log church was built on the lot, and Wheeler Martin, a local leatherworker and preacher, was hired to be the pastor. This log church was used for about eight years. In 1836, another lot was purchased from William Hyman, one of the early settlers of the town. The site adjoined the lot on which the first church was built as well as the one upon which the present church stands. This second church building was much larger than the first one and had a gallery inside for the colored members. It was almost square, and had two front entrances; one used by the men and the other used by the women and children. On either side of the pulpit was an "Amen Corner"—one for the men and the other for the women.

The ministers who followed Peter Doub in the years 1830-1870 were located in one central place, but continued to cover a large area and preach in many different churches. For this reason, they were still considered to be circuit riders. John A. Miller, who was sent to the Williamston church in 1832, married the daughter of a Dr. Williams of Martin County. There are no records however, to show if they remained in this area or moved elsewhere.

In 1843, Robert J. Carson was appointed pastor of a group of churches in Bertie, Edgecombe, Pitt, and Martin Counties. The first person he took into the church at Williamston was Miss Helen Clements on May 23, 1853. The oldest living member of the church at that time was Mrs. Sarah F. Biggs. Carson was in Williamston for only two years.

The Methodist Church was built on the lot adjoining the home of Asa Biggs, United States Senator and Federal Judge. In his Autobiography, Judge Biggs speaks of going frequently to the Methodist Church, since their Meeting House was on the adjoining lot. He also said that many times the Methodist ministers and members of that society visited in his house, partaking of his hospitality. He said that he made many friends among the Methodists. There seemed to be a great religious revival going on

in the Methodist Church in the 1850's because Judge Biggs is quoted as saying:

"In the early part of April 1851, there was a religious excitement in the Methodist Church in Williamston. For some time before this, I had discovered that my wife was deeply concerned on the subject of religion and during this excitement, she attended the meetings, and appeared to be more powerfully operated on. I went with her on Thursday night and after the sermon, when an Invitation was given to go up to the altar, I came to the conclusion that she was prevented from going, by a fear that it would not be agreeable to me; and to relieve her, I went with her. After the services, we came home and about 2 o'clock of that night, I awoke in great agony of mind—I first thought I was laboring under fever, but soon became satisfied that my mind was powerfully awakened as to my awful condition as a sinner, so that in a few minutes, the visitation was so great, as to compel me to cry aloud for mercy and around the whole house. I thought my mental powers were giving away. This continued for two hours. Some Methodist friends, who were staying with us, sent off after Mr. Carson and Mr. Martin the preachers—they came and prayed—but no relief could I find."

Judge Biggs' Autobiography continues with the description of how this first consciousness of his sinful state led him to join the church six months later. He didn't join the Methodist Church however, but the Skewarkey Primitive Baptist Church where his father had been pastor many years before. Even though we don't have many records of the church during this period of time, this experience of Asa Biggs shows us that without a doubt the Methodist Church was active and very much alive in the 1850's!

In 1847, Washington Sandford Chaffin came to the Williamston church, one of fourteen points on the circuit. He preached in churches not only in Martin County, but also in Edgecombe, Pitt, Beaufort, and Halifax Counties. His territory extended through all of Edgecombe County; all of Martin County; all of Pitt County on

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Page from Chaffin's Journal showing rent paid for his wife's room and board. It also shows his collections from various churches on his circuit.

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the east side of the Tar River, and Greenville on the west side; all of that part of Beaufort County lying on the east side of the Pamlico River, and north of the road running between Washington and Jamesville on the Roanoke River; and up to Scotland Neck in Halifax County! Due to the mobility of the circuit rider preachers, and the fact that most of them were single, there was no need for a parsonage. Chaffin was married however, and in his account book for the year 1847, he lists \$45 paid W. L. Williams for boarding Mrs. Chaffin. Reverend Chaffin returned to Williamston in 1861 when most of his work seems to have centered in Martin County. (See page 31)

Henry Gibbons, who came here in 1857, was born in Greene County in 1818. He had great success in winning souls to Christ, and records show a great surge in new members during his two years in Williamston. His life ended quite tragically with the loss of two sons, a daughter, and his wife within a five year period. His last years were ones of mental anguish, as well as ones of physical debility. Even though he was bedridden during his last days, his faith never faltered, and he expressed sorrow at not being able to stand in the pulpit to preach the Gospel one more time.

The minister appointed to follow Gibbons in Williamston was the Reverend Isaac Keerans. According to Reverend William Moore, a fellow pastor from Beaufort County, when Keerans heard he was being sent to Williamston, he "walked the floor and

cried like a whipped child, so sure was he that the malaria would get him, and the hills of Randolph County, his native home, would be enriched by his remains before the end of the year." He further said that Keerans survived his appointment here and that he did get back to his beloved hill country none the worse for his experience in Martin County!

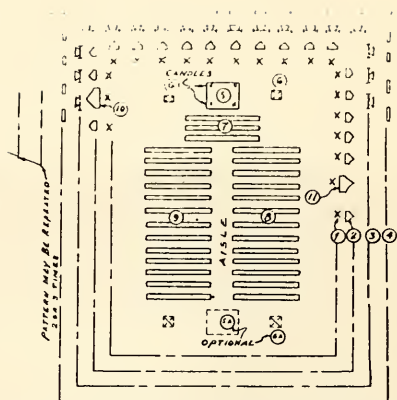
These early ministers planted Methodism in every community of eastern North Carolina. When the first circuits were organized, there were less than 5000 members of the Methodist Church in America. By 1876, there were 100,000 in North Carolina alone, and 2¼ million in the entire United States! This growth can only be credited to those early circuit rider preachers who endured so many hardships, but who had the courage to tell men of their sins in such a way that they could apply the truths of the Bible to their lives. Honest and faithful to the end, they lived the religion that they gave their lives for.

"Filled with immortal hope  
They urged the restless strife,  
And hastened to be swallowed up  
of everlasting life."

In an address given to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt paid this tribute to the circuit rider:

"The whole country is under a debt of gratitude to the Methodist circuit riders, the Methodist pioneer preachers, whose movement westward kept pace with the movement of the frontier, who shared all the hardships in the life of that frontiersman, while at the same time ministering to that frontiersman's spiritual needs, and seeing that his pressing material cares, and the hard and grinding poverty of his life did not wholly extinguish the divine fire within his soul."





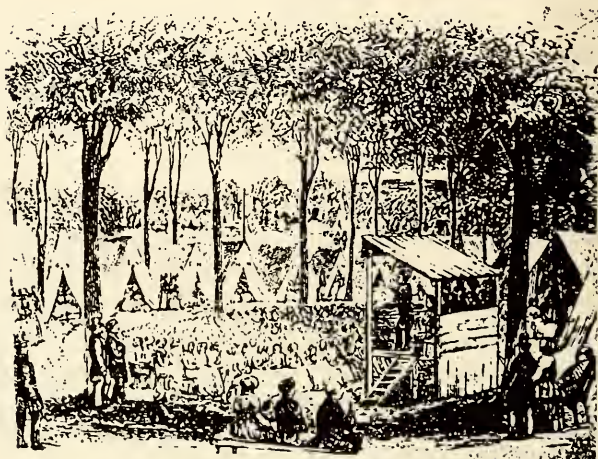
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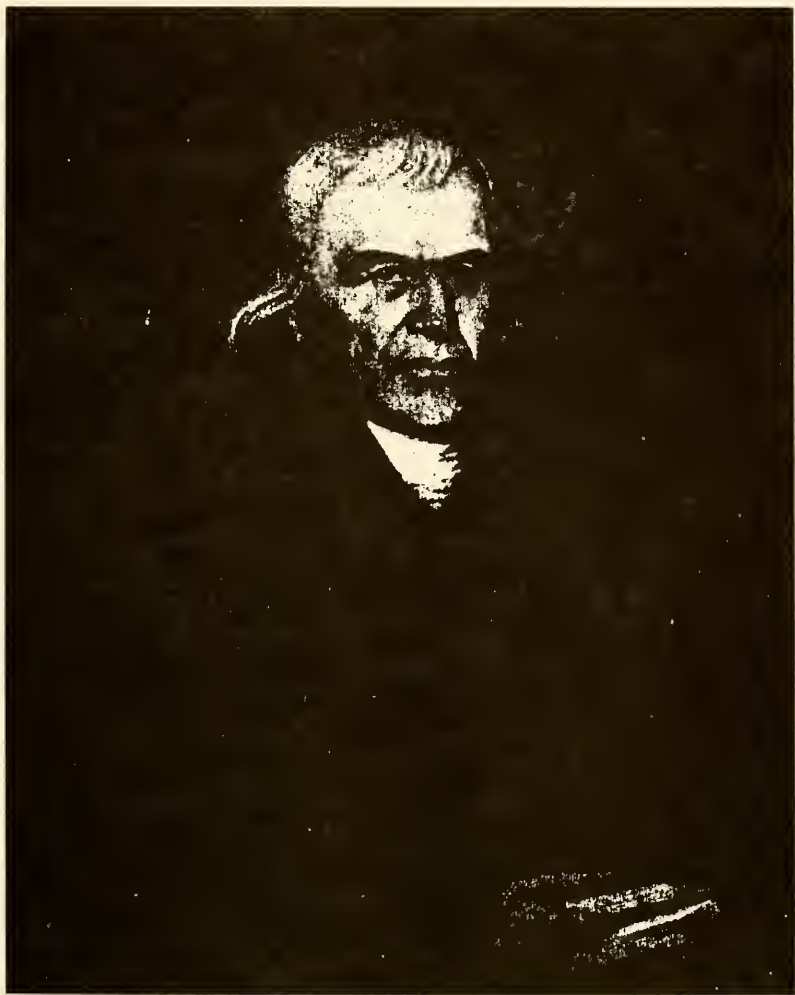
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10. Preacher's Tent
11. Boarding Tent

## DETAIL PLAN OF OBLONG SQUARE

Size 2 to 4 Acres Cleared Land

Old-Time Camp Meeting





FRANCIS ASBURY

This original painting is in the World Methodist Building at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, U.S.A. It has been attested as contemporary by the experts of the National Gallery of Art and the Corcoran Gallery at Washington. It was probably, but not certainly, painted from life by John Paradise at New York in 1812. It was widely copied, and there are similar portraits in London, New York, Philadelphia, and Madison, New Jersey.

## FRANCIS ASBURY: PROPHET ON HORSEBACK

*by Anne Margaret Roberson*

Francis Asbury was born in Handsworth, Staffordshire, England, August 20, 1745. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Asbury. He had one sister, but she died when she was a baby. He started school early and could read when he was only six years old. He joined the ministry at the age of sixteen and began preaching when he was seventeen. In 1771, at the age of twenty-five, he volunteered to come to America and preach. He told his parents goodbye and never saw them again. He had planned to stay in America only six years, but he never went back to England.

He landed in Philadelphia and later went to New York. After that, he went to Baltimore, a city that was to become his favorite place in America and the place he claimed as "home." His first visit to North Carolina was in 1781 when he visited Charlotte. He first came to eastern North Carolina in 1786 when he visited New Bern. In 1788, he came to Williamston. The entry from his journal reads as follows:

"Rode to Ross's in Martin County. The rise of the waters of the Roanoke River had inundated the lowlands more than a mile from the bank, and made the ferry altogether a wonderful sight. We came to our lodging about nine o'clock, and found a plain, kind-hearted host. I preached a funeral sermon; my text, 'The sting of death is sin.' I spoke on the nature of the law; of sin—its guilt, power, and nature, and punishment; and the victory through Christ. Does it not appear that those who live in sin, which is a breach of the law, wish to abolish the law, seeing they must know the necessary consequence of its violation? And if this postulation is just, what saves them from theft, murder, rape? Self preservation. Alas poor world! Is this all thy virtue?"



Asbury's next visit to Williamston was in 1792 and his third visit was February 23, 1803. His journal for that day read as follows:

"We rode twenty-two miles to Williamston, Martin County; I had not been at this place since January, 1792. I find here now about twenty families and about forty buildings. My subject at the courthouse was TITUS; although greatly outdone by fatigue and heat, I had some openings of mind. I was somewhat surprised to see so many called together by twenty-four hours' notice; and I admired the patience of the people, many of whom were obliged to stand in the lobby of the courthouse—an hour and a half. We want a house of our own. John Watts, a local preacher, still keeps his ground as a minister and a Christian, although the Baptists are very numerous here."

On February 27, 1804, the bishop made another visit to Williamston. The following entry is found in his journal:

"At Gardner's Bridge I spoke to many hearers on LUKE IV, 18-19. It was very chilly. In the evening we came to John Watts' in Williamston—thirty miles today, without fire or food, from seven a.m. to five o'clock in the evening. On Tuesday, February 28, being unwell, Brother McCaine officiated for me. I groan, being burdened—seven conferences to appoint the stations in; to officiate in the general conference of this year; seventeen states to visit, requiring a ride of five thousand miles at the rate of twenty-thirty and forty miles a day. O Lord, give me support! for every day, every hour, and every moment is a time of need with me! We rode up to Colonel William Williams', twenty miles. At Williams' Chapel, Taylor's Ferry, truly the great ones were present to hear, and I preached to them upon the 'Great Salvation'—to little purpose, I fear; we have small fruit of twenty-five years of faithful labours upon the rich lands of Roanoke."

Asbury returned to Williamston again on January 30, 1806 and again on January 28, 1809. He spent the night at the home of William Williams which he described as "A secluded house and social family." The journal entry for that day reads as follows:

"I preached at Williams' Chapel on HABAKKUK III, 2. I felt myself in the spirit of the work. In the evening we had snow and hail. We set out on Monday and had a very disagreeable ride through deep swamps and snow. At Williamston I preached to a few people. A ride of thirty-two miles brought us to Tarboro on Tuesday."

This was the last known visit of Asbury to Martin County. His ministry in North Carolina continued, however, until 1816.

Asbury was just one of the many circuit rider preachers to travel over America and for them the horse was their most important possession. One of the rules they had was, "Be merciful to your beast. Not only ride moderately but see with your own eyes that your horse be rubbed and fed." They remembered their horses in their prayers at night and would share their last bit of food with them. Bishop Asbury once said that every Methodist preacher needed a horse, a saddle, a bridle, a suit of clothes, a watch, a pocket Bible, and a hymn book. The circuit rider was able to put all of his belongings into his saddle bag. It used to be stated that the preachers kept house in their saddle bags. Even though the circuit rider preachers traveled on horseback, it was said that they were so dependable in meeting appointments that in bad weather "There is nothing out today but crows and Methodist preachers!"

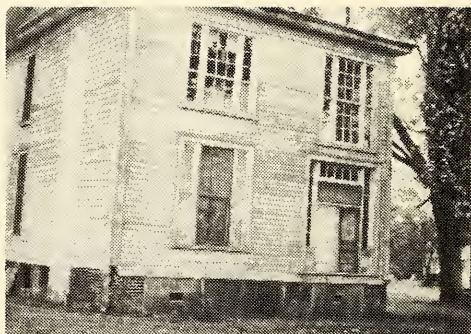
Bishop Asbury suffered a great deal during the years he preached on horseback. He was soaked with rain constantly and was forced to swim rivers and lakes. He went without rest for many days and many times went without food. He suffered from hunger and cold. He was forced to sleep in the open with his saddlebag as a pillow. On the frontier, he was in danger of Indian attacks. He was constantly ill during the entire period of his ministry. His journal tells how he suffered from headaches, fevers, chills, colds, rheumatism, and other illnesses which had been caused by exposure and overwork. It was often necessary for

him to use crutches and at other times he had to be helped on and off his horse. He refused to let sickness stop his great work; however, and worked when he was too sick to do so. His friends would beg him to rest, but his answer to them was, "Labor here, rest hereafter." Asbury wrote, "I have been sick near ten months and many days closely confined; yet I have preached about three hundred times and rode two thousand miles in that time and though very often in a high fever."

Francis Asbury loved children. He was very busy, but he found the time to talk and play with them. The children loved him and they would run and greet him with hugs and kisses. In his will he left a Bible to any child that had been named for him. Over four hundred children were given Bibles, and probably another six hundred would have qualified if they could have been located. He had many friends which included very poor people as well as very rich people. He might spend one night in a log cabin and the next in a mansion.

Asbury's last trip to North Carolina was in 1816. While he was on his way to the General Conference of 1816, he died at the home of friends in Virginia. Only seven days before his death he had preached a sermon. His body was first buried in the family cemetery of his friends but was later moved to Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland.

In the course of his ministry, he traveled from Maine to Georgia and from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean. He traveled on horseback, a distance of more than ten times around the globe and preached at least one sermon each day, about seventeen thousand total. During that time he ordained more than three thousand preachers. He had done what he thought Jesus had commanded when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Francis Asbury's only aim in life was "to live for God and to bring others to do so."

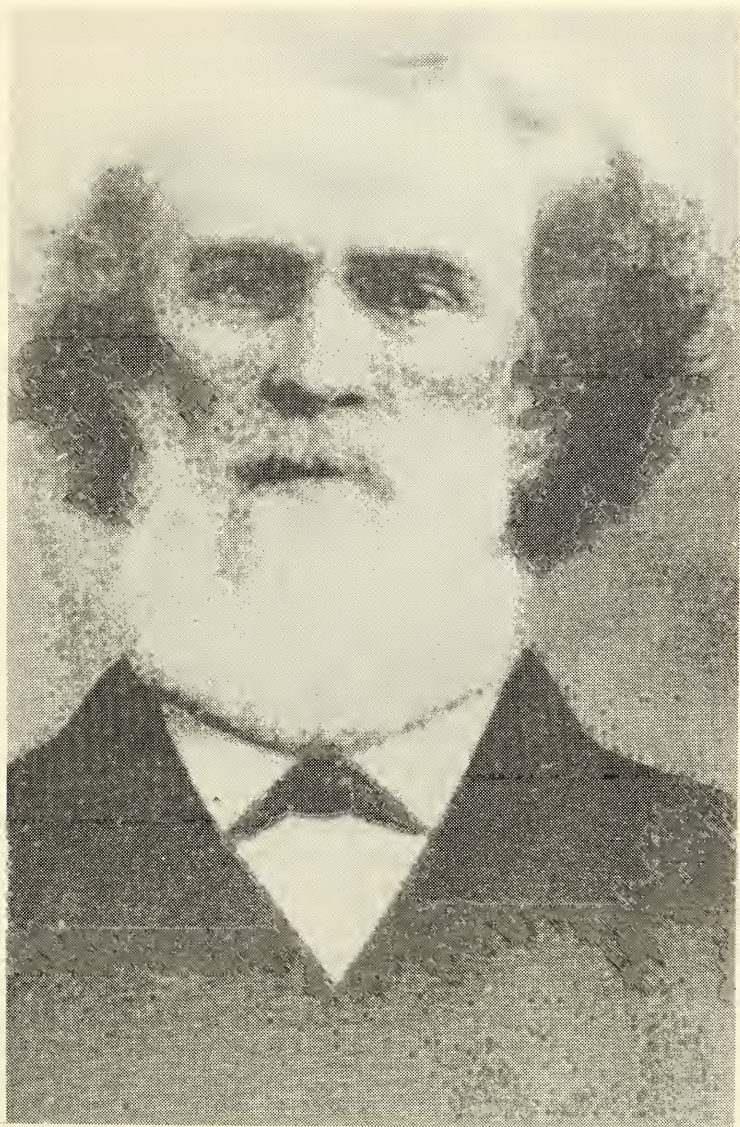


Home of William Williams, where Francis Asbury and other Circuit Riders stayed when in Martin County.



Williams Chapel. Site of meeting house where Francis Asbury preached in 1804.





WASHINGTON SANDFORD CHAFFIN  
1847 and 1861

## WASHINGTON SANDFORD CHAFFIN 1815-1895

By 1860, the ROANOKE CIRCUIT had been changed to the WASHINGTON CIRCUIT, and the first minister to serve on this new circuit was Washington Sandford Chaffin of Stokes County. As stated previously, he served this church in 1847, and he noted in his Journal that the town had improved a great deal since his last visit. He expressed sorrow at that first service however, when he saw so many strange faces in the congregation, showing how many had died since he first served the church. He stated that the church members met on the night of February 20, 1861 to discuss plans to build a new church on the lot of the old one, and that it was projected to cost \$3000. (This was the second Methodist Church building and was built about where the parsonage is today.)

Reverend Chaffin kept detailed notes on a daily basis in a Journal which has given a great deal of insight as to what was happening here in Williamston at the outbreak of the Civil War. He said there was much controversy in this county concerning secession from the Union, and that when news came that North Carolina was seceding from the Union, riots broke out in the town, leaving one man with a broken skull and others injured as well. He also stated that someone attempted to set Asa Biggs' house on fire on two different occasions, but both times it was put out before much damage was done.

In his April 20, 1861 entry, he describes a meeting that was organized to get volunteers for the Confederate Army. The idea was very painful to him and he cries out in his Journal, "O God! Save us from the havoc of war!" In July, he tells about going down to the river to see the Volunteers, called the "Hatteras Avengers," leave for battle. He was asked to make a speech, but expressed disgust at the drunken condition of many of the men. He states that by November, most of the able-bodied men had joined the army, and there were just a few boys and old men left in the town of nine hundred inhabitants.

In his September 3rd entry, he tells about the epidemic of influenza and fever which swept through the town, his own family

falling victim to it, with the death of his young son, Jimmy, in November of that year. In his account book, shows a cost of \$5.35 for funeral expenses! He and his wife were both ill during his year in Williamston and hardly a day passed that he didn't mention it in his Journal.

There seemed to be a great deal of unrest here at that time as he described the large number of people coming here to seek refuge from the war in their own communities.

In Reverend Chaffin's detailed notes, he recorded everything from his state of health, to the weather conditions of the day, as well as a carefully itemized account of all his expenses. His salary for the year's service in Williamston was \$800. He records the purchase of a buggy that year for which he paid \$80, but he commented in his Journal that he was sorry he had bought it, since he thought it was a great extravagance. He doesn't show how far he traveled while in Williamston, but he noted in his Journal of 1863 that he had bought his horse Kate in 1859 and had traveled 11,465 miles with her.

Many of Reverend Chaffin's sermons dealt with social ills, such as the use of alcohol. In one of his sermons he said, "Drinking causes Hell to be enlarged and that the increase of the damned under the influence of the reign of King Alcohol should be so great that the circumference of Hell must be enlarged to receive them!"

Considered by some historians to be his greatest social sermon was the one he preached in Williamston on June 13, 1861 justifying slavery. He preached it on the "Fast Day for the Confederacy" which had been proclaimed by Jefferson Davis. He felt that Negroes in slavery were in better condition than they had been in Africa, and cited the love that existed between slave and master and felt that the Bible approved of it. (The full text of this sermon follows.)

Those people who knew Reverend Chaffin said that he was no ordinary man, but the Divine Grace was upon him from his childhood to his death at age 81. They said that he grew into a beautiful character with a good mind that contained a vast store of knowledge. He was a devout Christian whose purpose was to



bring as many as he could to serve the Lord. Born in the hills of Stokes County, he had the strong convictions of a mountain man, never forgetting his own conversion when only twenty years of age. He gave many years of service to the Lord, preaching right up until the time of his death in 1895. His grandson, Reverend Claude Chaffin, carrying on his grandfather's legacy, is currently a member of the North Carolina Conference and is pastor of the Methodist Church in Hurdle Mills, North Carolina.

*Sermon preached in the Methodist Church in Williamston, NC, June 13, 1861, being the fast day appointed by Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, W. S. Chaffin Williamston, June 13, 1861.*

#### PSALM XX, 5

"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

In his research, investigation, and penetration into the rich arcane of science; and the wise application of the sublime mysteries, there unfolded to his vision, to the physical materials lying in their inactive form around him, man has accomplished works, and produced results, which have startled himself with profound astonishment. With his fingers, mailed in alchemistic power whatever he touches, assumes, either by separation or combination whatever form he seems to will, until all nature stands awaiting his bidding, and then flies to obey his mandate.

He commands and the lightnings leap from the heavens and fly over the paths marked out for them by which to subserve his commercial interest, or to minister to his pleasure or interest his pass-time sports. He controls every element in nature—sweeps of forest, smooths the rough places of earth, fills up valleys, cuts his way through mountains, spans rivers and almost bids defiance to the ocean's storms and maddened billows, But the noblest, grandest most magnificent act lying within the range of his mental powers, is *that for exercising faith in God*. Those are subjects of *sense*, this is entirely *mental*. When "God makes darkness, his secret place, His pavilion about him dark waters and thick clouds of the skies" it is a task exceeding difficult to perform; but when



the *act of faith* is performed it is undeniably grand. David expressed it beautifully in my text. "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."

I propose to call your attention,

I. *To what is implied, the result of setting up our banners in the name of God.*

Scarcely need I remark that we are in a war to which the world in its great history gives us no parallel. States that were invited for the promotion of the mutual good, are now belligerent, and in hostile array; States when united had a career of commercial, mental, and moral success before unknown to the world, now stirring to lay in desolating heaps *all* that glorious career of property secured to them. A country honored everywhere—in the democratic monarchy of England—by the serf, and autocrat of Russia; by the down-trodden Irishman domiciled with his wife, children, and hog in his mud hut, by the proud Emperor of the French, and his holiness, the pope pavillioned gorgeously in the Vatican. Her banners waved over the waters of every sea, and in every port were honored by every flag. The *UNION* is broken. *Ichabod* is written upon her walls. These banners no more wave over Southern soil, and flutter in a Southern breeze, and charm the Southern heart.

*How sad to contemplate this war!* It is blighting our commerce; blasting our prosperity; and preying upon our hard earned livings. In its march it takes the farmer from his plow, the mechanic from his shop, the merchant from his store, the teacher from his school, the student from his books, the philosopher from his apparatus, the physician from his patients, the lawyer from his client, and the minister from the pulpit. He tears the son from the mother's fond embrace, the brother from the sister, the husband from his fainting wife, and the father from his helpless children. He is obscuring the light of science, extinguishing the fire of humanity, tearing down the altars of our religion, and developing and cultivating the malignant passions of our fallen natures. It is upon the *Confederate States of America* that this war is waged by the U.S.A.

We wish it terminated. To prevent it our patriotic statesmen labored with commendable zeal. To arrest its mad progress before it reaches its culminating fury our nation is now at prayer before God. The wisdom of our wise men fails, all their resources have been exhausted and still the war spirit is rampant; he is fulminating his thunders on all our borders.

TO GOD WE TURN, may He help us!

II. *What is implied in setting up our banners in the name of God? It implies,*

1. *That we recognize the supremacy or sovereignty of God.* That God exercises a superintending Providence over the affairs of mankind, the Bible abundantly proves. In fact, the entire universe commands his watchful care, even the sparrow is not suffered to fall to the ground unnoticed by His eye and He who spake as never man spake, said, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows, But the very hairs of your head are numbered." In theory, it has been our glory to recognize the supremacy of Almighty God from our earliest national existence. Upon his knees before God, Columbus took charge of America in His name. We acknowledge His supremacy in all our official acts from the lowest officer attending upon the court, to the highest judicial, legislative or executive officer in the land, this declaration of faith is made. There is no exemption. Then we recognize His right to control events and consent to yield to His disposition of them.

2. It implies that we appeal to Him for the justice of our cause. Whatever may be the character of our acts in regard to other matters than the cause of our present troubles, I have nothing to do at present, but to turn the attention to that subject entirely and learn its character. Promising in the meantime the truth of HAB. 1:13, speaking of God he said, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look upon iniquity." Therefore in our appeal to God, we appeal to Him as a just and righteous God, who will accept the person of no man, and a God that "hates all workers of iniquity."

Whatever, in political circles, either North or South, may be regarded as the remote or proximate cause of this war, it matters

nothing since we know that the grand leading cause is *African slavery as it exists in the South*.

Those opposing us, are interfering with our domestic institutions; impairing our rights to our property; and jeopardizing our lives—hence we are thrown upon the *defensive*. We think that aided by the *Bible*, we can know what domestic relations and institutions suit us, without asking advice from abroad. If they have a right to interfere with one of our domestic or State institutions, which does not in the least interfere with them, directly or indirectly, then they have a right to interfere with any and every other institution, which thing is absurd! God has given in His word, no warrantee to any man to impair the rights of his fellow man, to his property. Much less, then does God give him the right to place in jeopardy the lives of all others by the most cruel barbarism that fiendish malice could invent. All of these things are done under the pretence that they are prompted by motives of humanity and religion, prompted by them to transgress their most binding laws. O consistency! Now we must in our appeal to God ascertain whether the cause we are defending is right or not.

*There are many reasons why I believe that African slavery as it exists in the C.S.A. is not wrong, per se.* In order to make my way clear, I will notice an objection argued in the North. *That they are chattels.* We never claim absolute property in the slave. We have no control over his life or limbs, over his morals, or his religion. The laws provide for his protection from harm, as they do his owners. This at once strips off that frightful aspect that Northern fanaticism is wont to see in it.

1. My first reason for my position is *that nature has drawn lines of demarcation between them and us, that no physical, mental, or religious, cultivation can obliterate.* Reason as we will, philosophize as we may, these lines remain, the distinctions are there unmoved and immovable. These are facts that all see and know.

2. *The condition of the slave is more conducive to his happiness than any other the African has ever been in.* In his native jungles in Africa his condition is incomparably worse than the most abject slavery in the C.S.A. In the Colony of Liberia, his

condition is wretched. Many that go there, desire to return to slavery in America. Their tendency is to barbarism and that rapidly. It requires the continual supervision of the white man to hold him in check. The U.S. government has never recognized them as a government, or entered into any treaty with them. The emancipated slaves of the West Indian Islands very soon suffered desolation to spread its dark pall over their once fertile and fruitful lands. The West Indian Islands are now a monument of the folly of the government of Great Britain in abolishing slavery there.

The condition of the free Negroes in the North is much inferior to that of the slaves in North Carolina and it is notorious that as a class, the free colored population of the South is more degraded and has fewer sources of comfort and happiness than the slaves here.

3. The third reason is, *The Bible gives directions for the government of slavery; and thereby recognizes as lawful, the relation of master and slave.* Eph. 6:5-9 and Col. 3:22 and 4:11. We never find the inspired writers giving directions for the government of sin or that of necessity that leads to sin. Giving rules by which slaves are to obey their masters; and by which masters are to treat their slaves, God most assuredly recognized the relation of master and slave as right, *per se*.

No rules are laid down by which two robbers are to govern themselves or how we should govern ourselves in the commission of sin. God never permits, never tolerates sin. His only word for it is *Woe!* And the only attitude he bears to it is that of eternal hate and inexorable vengeance.

While in the Law there is found no word that tolerates sins, in any degree whatever, that gives direction for the government of that which is sin—there is found direction for the government of slavery. Need we refer to other portions of the Book of Books when the decalogue, given under the most terrific circumstances the world ever witnessed, recognizes it as lawful and gives rules concerning it; and the New Testament takes up the theme in its inimitable style and omnipotent authority and sets the seal of its sanction upon it, showing it to be right, *per se*.



For a number of years, with good facilities, in earnest pursuit of truth, I have carefully and prayerfully studied African character, and the conclusion of my investigation is, That slavery is the only condition he can be in to be useful to himself or serviceable to society. Then to ameliorate his condition is *not* to seek his emancipation; for this is ruinous to himself, but to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth. As the moral principle, in master and slave, is developed and cultivated, the condition of both is improved. That this is true needs no argument to prove. Again, we of the South are the true friends of the African. We provide him comforts—in sickness attend him, in old age provide for his support. We go to his cabin and take him by the hand and treat him as a man, and point him to the Cross of Christ, tell him of Jesus and of a heaven, of bliss for the good and pious man. We bow with him in his home and pray and then talk of religion until our hearts fill with heavenly rapture and burst forth in strains of praise to God and the Lamb. I have seen the master and slave converted at the same altar. I have seen them meet and embrace in the classroom as brothers beloved. I have seen the master and slave about to separate, weep like children. Why all this? We are their friends and they feel it. *Therefore the ground occupied by the United States is wrong.*

They violate the first principle of a free people, to establish the right to arrange their domestic institutions to suit themselves, irrespective of the opinions of others, whose rights and privileges are not interfered with. Their position tends directly to barbarism by exciting the unholy passions of those they profess to labor for. When the fire of misanthropy is enkindled in a heart filled with vile passions, and the flame fed with the fuel of religious frenzy the tendency is directly and rapidly to barbarism in its intensest and fiercest form. This is essentially the character of pure abolitionism. It originates in ignorance; is nourished by fictions of inhumanity; is vitalized by envy; is educated by hypocrisy; its spirit is jealousy; its sword is guile; and its regalia, malice. It is the personification of inhumanity intensified *by fanatical superstition inhaling the fumes of satanic malevolence!*

To carry out their views and plant them amid the radiant beams of the glorious sun of the South; to scatter their moral

miasma over our beautiful hills and fertile valleys, and to impregnate our salubrious atmosphere with its \_\_\_\_\_ like poison, that our firesides may be desolated, our hearthstones stained with blood shed by servile hands, and our country, one grand mass of ruins, they have inaugurated Civil War. They are pushing that war with a vigorous hand. In less than two months since the first clarion note of war sounded out from Washington City, over 100,000 men in battle array are crowding along our borders. What in the name of God, is our sin against them: Have we wronged them? Did we owe them ought and repudiate that debt? Have we interfered with their domestic institutions? Have we ever stolen their property or retained it when it has fallen into our hands? Have we ever coveted their lands—their gold, their wealth? Have the doors of hospitality ever by us been closed against them? Have we ever harmed their commerce? The answer to each of these interrogations must come forth a stunning negative! *Then is not the cause for which we contend just? and the grounds we occupy right?*

4. The setting up our banners in the name of our God, *Implies that we will use no means that God forbids in the War.*

I shall not detain you with disquisitions on the morality of war. I suppose and shall proceed upon the supposition that we agree upon the teachings of the Bible. The grand objection that I have heard against *Defensive war* is, *The opposing physical force to physical force*. I shall admit that *Offensive physical force* is different, but with it we have nothing to do, but to repel it in the present war. We defend in the name of God, not offend against the claims of humanity; the spirit and letter of our holy Christianity; the tears of premature widowhood; and the cries of destitute and suffering orphanage. The foe-man swarms along our borders belching forth destruction upon our property. Our wives, daughters, sisters are exposed to their madness and shall we not repel them? Drive them from their ruinous purpose upon our soil? Did we fail to oppose physical force to repel our advancing foe and hinder his ingress to our homes, we could not ask God's blessing upon us.

We have suffered wrong and patiently bore it. We appealed to moral suasion, and have been answered by the tocsin of war. We appealed to their humanity, begged them to desist from their cause that must terminate ruinously, if they persist, and we were met by contemptuous sneers. We begged for the sake of our Christianity that they desist, and we were met by satanic malevolence; and they bade us obey. Our patience increased their determination against us; our suffering wrong increased their and strengthened their frenzy. Our prayers rendered more callous their spirit. We begged *to be let alone*—and the trumpet sound of war was heard from the seaboard to the far off west from the Atlantic Ocean away to the Pacific, and myriad after myriad, as fast as steam could move them, crowded to lay in ruins our goodly heritage. Then we were left to the *dernier* resort of an oppressed and an invaded people—a resort to arms. *Are we not justifiable in our act?*

Then in the name of our God, we begin our defense—and to be successful it must be continued in His name. Wrong doing on our part would incur His displeasure, merit His frown, and perhaps bring His indignation upon our hearts. Let us never swerve from duty, nor shrink from right—then will the world see that we defend our rights, maintain untarnished our Christian character, and leave vengeance in the hands of God, whose sovereign prerogative is to repay and whose administrative justice will repay vengeance if they fail in their duty.

III. *The result of setting up our banners, in the name of our God.*

1. *We will feel a greater confidence of success.* Because appealing to God for the justice of our cause we shall feel that we are right, in the proportion we feel that we are right in the same will we be zealous for that cause. As we find our zeal increasing, we will increase our efforts for success, that we may gain the victory.

2. *God will be for us.*

If God be for us, who can be against us successfully? "He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Solomon immediately declared that he would take God as his portion. "I will say of the Lord he is refuge, and my fortress, in Him will I trust." Then said David, "Surely he



shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisesome pestilence—he shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings there shalt trust.” God said, “Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.” These are not a tythe of the promises God has vouchsafed to them that love and serve Him. *God can bring these promises to pass in divers ways. His resources are infinite.* It does not require that he should follow any particular place; that he has heretofore used in delivering nations.

He can deliver us,

1. *By affecting our enemies.*

This God can do in a great variety of ways; as 1st, by frustrating their counsels. The wisdom of the wise is foolishness with God; He can bring to nothing the wisest and best laid plans for success. Ahithophel’s counsel was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God, yet the Lord defeated it in a moment. Their deep laid plans will avail them nothing if God is for us.

As, 2. By rendering useless their munitions of war. Their navies may bristle along all our shores; but if God turn loose the storm they will only harm their owners and prove a curse to themselves. Such has been the case in many instances. Their weapons may be made to hang useless and harmless at their sides or they may be turned against themselves, as in the case of the Midianites. Judges 7:22. “The Lord set every man’s sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host.” Or as in the case of the Egyptians pursuing Israel across the Red Sea. Exodus 15:8. To Israel, the way was smooth, “the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.” But the pursuing Egyptians found it so rough that it broke the horses’ hoofs—and broke to pieces their war chariot wheels, and amidst their greatest fears, the walls of water collapsed and overwhelmed the whole offensive army.

As, 3. By intimidating them. The most fiery spirits have in an unaccountable manner suddenly become the most quiet; and the most daring and brave have suddenly possessed the most

craven spirit. II Kings 7:6. The case of the Syrians hearing a noise and fleeing away is illustrative of this.

As, 4. By destroying their armies in their camp. II Kings 19:35. 185,000 of the Assyrians died in one night when encamped against the host of Israel. God sent the destroying angel among them and they were all dead corpses on the ground the next morning. These are a few of the ways that God has in other ages of the world effected an offending army—But these do not exhaust the resources of *Jehovah*—Neither are they all that are mentioned in the Bible, but time would fail me and patience you to tell of all. God can deliver us, *By effecting us*. He may supply us with wisdom superior to that of our enemies; so that greatly inferior means may be rendered greatly superior because of the plus in efficiency. This God does in almost everything besides war and why and why may he not in that? *He can supply us with superior valor*. Superior numbers, abundance of the munitions of war, coupled with immense wealth, inspire a haughty confidence in the government. Such is at present the case with the United States. While fewer in numbers, to meet a stronger and haughty foe, together with great deficiency in the munitions of war, when the spirit of despondency is overcome with the trust firmly fixed in him, God inspires the heart with a *determination* to repel the enemy that death alone can quiet. Such is at present the case with C.S.A. We are the weaker party in this war. But our cause is *just!* We used every *honorable* effort to avoid a collision, and when those means were exhausted we said in a manner not to be mistaken, “*We do not wish to be dictated to.*” *Let us alone!* We have been met with that spirit that goes before a fall; and with that disposition that precedes destruction. Prov. 16:18. We would manifest that spirit towards God that is succeeded by honor. Prov. 15:33, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts.” Zech. 4:6, “I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong—nor yet favor to men of skill.” Eccl. 9:11.

The uncircumcised Philistine—clad in mail with a spear like a weaver's beam—a sword at his thigh, defied the armies of the Living God for forty days. So overwhelming his boast; so bold and daring his denunciation, and so terrible for *might*, was the appearance of his person that Saul and his whole army trembled at his appearance. No man of war would dare meet this bold bragadocias, but David in whose heart God had put a spirit of bravery with firm reliance upon God, went forth without armor or arms with five smooth stones from the brook and a shepherd's sling—slew this Herculan defier of the living God.

David in one of his Psalms of exultation to his God says, "The Lord will lighten my darkness. For by Thee have I run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms." Ps. 18:28, 29, 34.

Our own history is replete with monumental heaps of the truth that God can sustain us. It is seen in the intrepid Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga—the ever working Marion—the indomitable Putnam—the *victories of George Washington*—and the unconquered spirit of *Jackson*. A vast multitude of others might be mentioned in this connection without disparagement to these.

"Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exerciseth loving kindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." Jer. 9:23, 24.

In the unfathomable mines of his never failing skill, his unsearchable wisdom, his incomprehensible power, God can devise ways and means to deliver us—to drive back our proud foeman from our shores—can stay the madness of man—can make man's wrath to praise Him and can restrain the remainder of wrath. God can stay the dark cloud that hangs as an incubus around our political horizon, can bid its flashing lightnings cease—can say to the infuriated tornado of war, as Jesus said to

the sea and storm, "Peace be still" and his mandate shall be obeyed.

Shall our cause be sustained? Shall our rights be honored? Shall we defend our homes, our hearthstones, our religious altars; shall we successfully repel the advancing invader and prevent his further ingress into our country? Shall we continue to be the firm friend of the Africans—ameliorate his condition, point him to the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world? Then let us, as one man, let our Confederate States come and with one voice—The President; the heads of departments, the members of the provisional Congress, the Governors of the states, the general, colonels, captains of the armies, and all privates—Let our ministers—our whole people say, *"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."* And success will be ours. And let all the people say, *AMEN!*

This poem was found included with Reverend Chaffin's sermon.

*"The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,  
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;  
And the sheen of their spears was like the stars on the sea,  
When the blue waves roll nightly on deep Galilee.  
Like the leaves of the forest when summer is green,  
That host with their banners at sunset was seen.  
Like the leaves of the forest when autumn hath blown,  
That host on the morrow lay withered and strewn.  
For the angel of death spread his wings on the blast  
And breathed in the face of the foe as he past;  
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,  
And their hearts but once heaved and forever grew still.  
And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,  
But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride,  
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf  
And cold as the spray of the rock beating surf.  
And there lay the rider distorted and pale  
With the dew on his brow and the dust on his mail.  
And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,  
The lances unlifted, the trumpets unblown.  
And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,*

*And the idols are broken in the temples of Baal;  
And the might of the Gentiles, unsmote by the sword,  
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord."*



State of North Carolina Martin County Town of Brown  
 to be sold and clerk of the State and county aforesaid for and  
 of the sum of forty dollars to one in hand paid the receipt whereof I  
 acknowledge have Bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain  
 convey and confirm unto Wholen Martin Dayle Heyd Gabriel W. Byler  
 Charles Mayle Jffe Gillikin Luvon Wheatley John E. Maddena Thos  
 Shaw and William J. Williams as Trustees selected for the purpose of  
 a Meeting House in the town of Williamston exclusively for the use and  
 of the Methodist Episcopal Church one lot or half acre of land lying and  
 in the State and county aforesaid and Town of Williamston known and  
 situated in the Plan of said town by its vicinity do and I the said James  
 do bind myself my heirs Exors Adors to the power to them and defend the rights  
 and interest in and to the said premises and all the appurtenances thereto  
 belonging unto the above named Trustees and to their heirs in fee against  
 the lawful claim or claims of any person or persons whatsoever in witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1828  
 signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Asa Biggs

James H. Watts

James H. Clark Secy.

State of North Carolina Martin County Court of Pleas and quarter  
 Sessions Decr Term 1828 the within deed was proven in open court by the  
 oath of Asa Biggs & ordered to be Registered

Shos H. Watts clk

This Indenture made this 28 day of November in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and twenty five Between Jonathan Carraway  
 of the State of North Carolina and county of Martin of the one part and James  
 Carraway of the aforesaid State and county of the other part witnesseth that I the said  
 Jonathan Carraway for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars  
 in hand paid by James Carraway the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge  
 have sold and conveyed fully satisfied satisfied and paid for one certain tract of land  
 and situate lying and being in the county of Martin State of North Carolina  
 known and being in the fork of the Bearcreek Swamp thence running with the  
 line of said swamp toward the Island called Sandus Island to James Carraway  
 line thence with his line up the said swamp to the Beginning to have and to  
 hold unto him the said James Carraway his heirs Exors Adors and assigns forever  
 and I the said Jonathan Carraway do covenant promise and agree to defend  
 the said James Carraway to warrant and defend the said land and premises  
 thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the  
 said James Carraway his heirs and assigns forever in witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and seal the day and date above written signed and sealed

**COPY OF DEED TO THE METHODIST  
CHURCH PROPERTY IN  
WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
Registered in Martin County  
Courthouse, Register of Deeds Office,  
Book I and J, page 1**

State of North Carolina, Martin County. Know all men by these presents that I, James Clark, of the State and County aforesaid mentioned, for and in consideration of the sum of sixty dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby . . . convey and confirm unto Wheeler Martin, Bazil Floyd, Ezekiel W. Wyatt, Charles Meazell, Jesse Gillikin, Luman Wheatlesey, Peter E. Maddera, Thomas Shaw, and William I. Williams, as Trustees selected for the purpose of erecting a Meeting House in the town of Williamston exclusively for the use and benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, one lot or half acre of land lying and being in the State and County aforesaid and town of Williamston, known and distinguished in the plan of said town by No. ninety-six. And I, the said James Clark do bind myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, etc., forever to warrant and defend the right, title, and interest in and to the said premises and all the appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the above named Trustees and to their successors in office against the lawful claim or claims of any persons or persons whatsoever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 22nd day of February, 1828.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of James X (his mark) Clark & seal.

Asa Biggs

Mames H. Watts

Witnesses.

State of North Carolina, Martin County Court of Pleas, and quarter session December Term 1828 the written deed and proven in open court by the oath of Asa Biggs, and ordered to be registered.

Thomas W. Watts, Clerk





The Carstarphen House where the preachers stayed before the parsonage was built.



**THE FIRST PARSONAGE—1886**

Presently being used as the Youth Building and Church Office

## **MINISTERS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WILLIAMSTON 1866-1988**

The Presiding Elder (now known as the District Superintendent) for this district in 1866 was R. S. Moran. A native of Ireland, he was well educated and did a great deal to raise the standard of ministerial requirements. While he was in North Carolina, he contracted tuberculosis from which he died. He was from New York City, but requested to be buried in Wilmington, NC, where he had been pastor during the Civil War. He willed his valuable private collection of books to Trinity College (Duke University) where they are still in use today.

The next minister for which records are available was James Mahoney of Sumter, South Carolina, who came to Williamston in 1869 and served for two years. He was known for his hard work, never being idle. He was best remembered for the conversion of so many souls to God, and all who came in contact with him felt the influence of his prayers and ministry. He was given credit for implementing a strong temperance movement in the churches he served. In his obituary, Williamston was mentioned as one of the churches upon which he had had the greatest influence. Reverend Mahoney died in Goldsboro in 1885 while en route to visit friends in Florida.

In 1871, Bernice B. Culbreth came to the Williamston church. He was born in 1835 in Sampson County and came from a family of preachers, his father and three uncles. He was an humble preacher whose highest ambition was to simply work wisely and faithfully for the salvation of human souls. Reverend Culbreth was a revival preacher who was intensely spiritual and happy in his work for the Lord, serving churches from the mountains to the coast. He died in 1903 in Cary, North Carolina.

The next minister of note was Leonidas L. Nash of Chase City, Virginia, a big, energetic, likeable young fellow. During the Civil War, he fought in the Confederate Army, and soon after the war had ended, he felt a call to the ministry. He was famous for his preaching ability, wise leadership, and deep spiritual convictions.

He was at the Williamston church for two years in 1876 and 1877. He became famous after leaving Williamston when in 1893 he published a book entitled *SPIRITUAL LIFE*. This book was a protest against the movement within the Methodist Church to promote the extreme view of the second blessing theory of Sanctification, and it almost caused an irrevocable split in the church. Another book written by Reverend Nash was *RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS*. *This book was a collection of stories about his experiences in the various churches in which he served. (See APPENDIX for his recollections of Williamston.)* Reverend Nash died in Hamlet, North Carolina in 1917 after giving forty-four years of service to the Lord.

In 1878, a young minister named William H. Watkins came to Williamston. He stayed for two years and was beloved by all the people he served. He left Williamston and went to the church in Plymouth, the last one in which he would be able to serve, because his health had begun to fail. He knew death was imminent, but showed no fear of it. He died in 1886 at the age of 32 and was buried in Albemarle, North Carolina.

Reverend William B. Doub came to Williamston in 1880 and stayed until 1883. He was born in Raleigh in 1852 and came from a long line of Methodist preachers. It was said that he possessed a sweet spirit and was gentle to all with whom he came in touch. He died in Durham in 1896.

In 1883, James E. Bristowe received the call to Williamston and it was during his ministry that the first parsonage was begun. It was built on a site about one lot removed from the church. Prior to this time, the pastors had lived with parishioners or in rented rooms. The C. D. Carstarphen family provided a room in their home for the minister, and a particular one was known specifically as the "Preacher's Room." Reverend Bristowe was born in 1846 in Northampton County, and he died in Washington in 1911 after giving thirty-three years of Christian service. He requested to be buried at Bethel, a community to which he had become attached.

In 1885, Reverend J. O. Guthrie was sent to Williamston, and he and his family were the first to occupy the parsonage, which has been described as a simple one-story yellow cottage sur-

rounded by a white picket fence. In 1893, after losing his first wife, he married Mrs. Jessie R. Stubbs Simmons, the widow of D. D. Simmons, one of Williamston's most prosperous citizens. She was the daughter of General Jesse R. Stubbs, who built the railroad from Tarboro to Williamston, and Mary Williams, for whose family the town of Williamston was named. She died several years before Reverend Guthrie. Due to a failing health, he had to give up the ministry earlier than he wanted to, and he died in 1927 in Dillon, South Carolina.

In 1888, Reverend J. G. Nelson came to Williamston where he served a two-year term. He was born in Iredell County in 1862 and died at Gibson Station in 1893, only three years after leaving Williamston. He must have been an exceptional person, since the following excerpt from a memoir written by a fellow minister, the Reverend Daniel Tuttle read as follows:

"He preached as long as he could preach; walked as long as he could walk; talked as long as he could talk; he prayed till the last request made known to God was answered; he breathed as long as he could breathe, and then, as gently declines the dying day, his spirit went away to the God who gave it, and now as the flaming-faced King of Day throws his bright beams across the pine-perfumed plains of Eastern Carolina, they fall with golden touch upon the new-made grave of another Methodist preacher, the world's best type of true soldier of the cross."

Reverend Nelson was followed by George G. Harley in 1890, who also served a two-year term here. He was known locally as a great prohibitionist and was instrumental in closing up many of the saloons in town. In his notes, he was quoted as saying, "Some of the members here are as poor material as can be found anywhere and then we have some of the salt of the earth. We are not troubled with earthly amusement here. My people don't dance and we are rather out of the way for much of the devil's traveling entertainment."

The Reverend Eli Caleb Sell came here in 1892. He was best remembered for his gentle nature and love for everyone. He made



many friends in Williamston and though he was here for only one year, he was greatly admired by all. During his last days, the only regret he expressed was that he could not preach at least one more time. He died in Wilmington in 1930 at the age of sixty-nine.

Reverend J. R. Sawyer received the call to the Williamston church in the fall of 1893. During his ministry, he kept very detailed records. He recorded six weddings and six infant baptisms. The first marriage he performed was that of John W. Crowell and Miss Sallie Asbel, who were married December 31, 1893. The first baby he christened here was Annie Elizabeth Jones, daughter of David and Bettie Jones, on August 26, 1894. Like Reverend Harley, he was also concerned with the whiskey traffic in this area and he constantly fought to rid the community of it.

Reverend Asa Joseph Parker was born in Hertford County in 1867. He came to Williamston in 1895 and served a two-year term. His preaching was fearless, uncompromising, but stimulating. His sympathetic, sunny disposition made him the ideal pastor to whom the church members could go for comfort and support, and he was always welcome in the homes of the community. He had a beautiful singing voice and it was said he could not only preach the Gospel, but could sing it as well! His talent earned him a place with the original Conference Quartette. The last months of his life were ones of intense suffering, and he died in 1932 in Raleigh, where he was buried.

The present church building, the third house of worship, was begun during the pastorate of George Washington Fisher, but it was not completed until 1902, at which time the old building was torn down. Reverend Fisher was born in Catawba County in 1859. He came to Williamston in 1898 and stayed for two years. It was said by those who knew him that he was a true Christian, living the life he so ardently preached about. He reached out to every person in Christian love, regardless of their station in life, and was loved by rich and poor alike. Most of the churches in which he served were in the rural areas that he loved so much, and for forty years he spread the Gospel on horseback, in a buggy, and in an automobile. He died in Garner in 1926 and was buried in Zebulon.

Reverend John T. Bagwell followed in 1899. A few years prior to this, he had been at the Goldsboro church where he had done great work, but for some reason in 1886, some kind of charges were brought against him at the Conference and his membership was terminated. Three years later however, he was reinstated and continued on with his work for many years. He left Williamston in 1901.

Up until 1900, most of the ministers served two-year terms, but Reverend Thomas Sutton of Sampson County was the first to serve a full four years. He arrived in 1901 when the present church building was under construction. It was completed in 1902 and was dedicated in 1903 when Bishop Smith of Norfolk came here to conduct a special service. The new church with its tall steeples was an impressive sight to see, and the entire town of Williamston benefited from it, since the bell in the tallest of the two steeples was rung in case of fire in the town. It was said that the first sight people saw as they got off the boats at the river landing was the steeple of the Methodist Church. Reverend Sutton's gentle spirit and mild temperament endeared him not only to his congregation but also to the other citizens of the town as well. In the December 19, 1902, issue of *THE ENTERPRISE*, it stated, "Methodists here do not rejoice alone at the return of Reverend Sutton. He has made a fine impression during his pastorate this past year." The church records show that the church saw phenomenal growth while he was here, with sixty-nine new members added to the roll! Reverend Sutton left Williamston in 1904, but his health began to fail and by 1920 he had to retire. He died in 1937 in Fayetteville.

Edward E. Rose, who came to Williamston in 1904 was born in Warren County in 1866. He stayed for only one year and shortly after leaving, his health began to fail, causing him to give up his work for a while. He managed to recuperate enough to preach until 1918, however, when he died in Durham.

The next minister to serve a four-year term in Williamston was Charles Lewis Read. He was born in 1869 at Palmer Springs, Virginia. His education was received at Davis Military Academy at LaGrange and at Trinity College (Duke University). He graduated in 1901 and the Williamston charge was one of his first



churches since he came here in 1907. It was said that he was an outstanding minister in the pulpit whose sermons were marked by an unusual insight into the Scriptures. He strengthened all of his parishioners through his loving guidance, and while in Williamston, he added thirty-three members to the roll and christened eight babies. After giving thirty-seven years of service in the ministry, he died in Durham in 1946. His daughter, Mrs. W. V. Gupton, Jr. is presently living in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and his step-daughter, Mrs. W. M. Whitehurst, is living in Wilson, North Carolina.

The church saw steady growth under the wise leadership of Rufus Bradley, a friendly, unassuming man of God who came here in 1910 for a two-year term. Those who knew him were impressed by the power of his faith and the gentleness of his nature. He was said to be always motivated by love and unselfish devotion to his calling, and the church in Williamston saw steady growth under his wise leadership. He died in 1937 and was buried in Littleton, North Carolina.

James Townsend Stanford followed Reverend Bradley in 1912 and stayed in Williamston for three years. He was related to Leland Stanford, the founder of Stanford University, and was born in Person County in 1871. Known as the "biggest man in the North Carolina Conference," it was explained that he was not only big in body (6 ft. 5 in.), but also in intellect and spirit as well. When he walked down the street, he had a word of good cheer and kindness for all. This "giant of a man" had a heart that made Christ appealing to all that he met. While Reverend Stanford was in Williamston, a smallpox epidemic was raging, and even though he continued visiting the sick and needy, he never contracted the disease himself. He retired in 1941 and lived until 1946 when he passed away at his home in Scotland Neck. His daughter, Nellie Stanford Pittman, is presently living in Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

Reverend N. M. Wright, who came to Williamston in 1915, stayed only one year. He served five churches in the county and his salary was \$881 a year! The total budget for the Williamston church that year was \$1882.



Charles L. Read  
1906-1910



J. T. Stanford  
1912-1915

Reverend H. M. Eure came the next year and stayed for three years. He came here from Nash County where he was born in 1861. While he was in Williamston, a second story was added to the parsonage and a new pipe organ was purchased for the church. During his first year in Williamston, his salary was raised to \$1200. According to the records he kept, the winter of 1918 was particularly severe, and several Sunday services were missed because of the cold weather and the shortage of fuel. There was also a bad influenza epidemic that year that kept many of the church members at home. In February, some of the Methodist churches in the county had to close completely, and as the Reverend Eure wrote, "I am sorry they saw fit to go into winter quarters!" Reverend Eure's capacity for love of his fellowman was one of the outstanding traits of his life, which made him loved by people of all denominations wherever he served. While he was in Williamston, he was the first minister to begin union services with the other churches in town. It was said that he had a way of making religion attractive and that he was very successful in drawing young people to him. His wife, Lillian, was very active in the work of the local church, and she also taught school while living in Williamston. Reverend Eure left Williamston in 1918 and died in 1926 in Norlina.

In 1919, L. C. Larkin was sent to Williamston and served a three-year term. During his ministry, a new room was added to the parsonage. New book racks were purchased for the pews, the envelope system for collections was begun, and the last payment on the organ was made. It was in this year that the Wesleyan Sunday School class was organized. In his report of the second quarter in 1922, he said that during his entire stay in Williamston, he had not come to a quarterly conference without a report on some addition to the church! During his ministry, thirty-seven new members joined the church.

M. R. Chambers came to Williamston in 1922. In his first conference report, he stated that it was evident that a splendid spirit of cooperation existed in the church, but that it lacked the depth of spirituality he would like to see. He said that only a small percent of the people could be counted on as consistent churchgoers, and

that he hoped to see a deeper commitment among the church family. During Reverend Chambers' first year here, plans were made by the women to paint both the church and the parsonage. They also led a campaign that year to get the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE into every home and to also begin plans for the publication of a local church paper. In 1924, the church was enlarged by the addition of double classrooms, one on each side at the rear of the sanctuary. (These rooms were removed when the educational building was begun in 1947.) Reverend Chambers served only one year since he was forced to transfer to Tennessee on account of ill health, but by the time he gave his last conference report, he showed a much more positive attitude about the church, stating that the spiritual state of the church had shown a marked increase. He must have had a profound influence on the people, since twenty-eight new members joined the church during the one year he was here!

Reverend E. D. Dodd was sent to Williamston in 1923 and he stayed for two years. In one of his conference reports he stated that "The Women's Missionary Society is very much alive in Williamston. Cottage prayer meetings are held each week with a remarkable attendance." During his last year here, however, he became much concerned with the drop in attendance at church during the summer months, and he is quoted as saying, "Attendance at church is falling. Our people seem to like the watering places and are off to the beaches!" He too, must have greatly influenced the people of the town because he brought in sixty-one new members during his two-year term.

O. P. Fitzgerald followed in 1926 and stayed until 1928. Only his few notes give us a clue about conditions in the church at that time. He is quoted as saying,

"Methodism in Williamston has not seen her best days. There have been bright eras and dark periods, but Methodism continues to offer the love of Jesus, the grace of God, and the hope of life to a troubled and uncertain world. She stands today in the midst of need, holding aloft the Gospel flag of the Son of God as a beacon light for the wayfaring traveler to see and turn





C. T. Rogers  
1930-1933



R. R. Grant  
1933-1936

his barge from the storms of life and find a haven of spiritual rest in the sheltering love of God."

In 1929, Reverend C. T. Rogers came to Williamston and served a four-year term. He was a forceful leader, and in his first sermon to the congregation, he outlined a firm platform for activities he planned to implement that first year. He assured the congregation that he would do what he thought was right and said, "If you don't like it, just tell the Bishop at the next Conference and he'll move me to some other place!" He also said, "I am going to give you the best of my services and in return I am asking that you give the Lord the best you have." Sixty new members joined the church during his pastorate. It was during this ministry here that the faithful custodian of the church, "Uncle" Mose Alexander, died. He was a highly respected citizen of the town by both black and white alike. He not only kept the church and grounds in order, but he rang the bell on Sunday morning and sat in the alcove back of the organ and pumped it while the organist played. Whenever communion was served, he would come out from behind the organ and take communion with everyone else. Mose died on December 6, 1930 at the age of seventy-five, of pneumonia. In the Sunday School notes for Sunday, December 7, it was noted, "Uncle Mose has certainly served us well and he will be greatly missed."

The next minister, R. R. Grant, was here for three years. He was followed by S. A. Maxwell, who came in 1936 and stayed for only two years. During his pastorate, more improvements were made to the church. Hardwood floors were installed, as well as a new altar, gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stuart Whitley. The special wood for the altar was furnished by Mr. M. J. Norton, and Mr. Whitley had it made into the altar rail at his lumber mill. In 1938, a new roof was put on the parsonage and repairs were made to the roof of the church. Construction of a new parsonage was also begun at this time. During Reverend Maxwell's pastorate, a young adult's Sunday School class was organized. Before he left Williamston, he said, "No more gracious, kind, helpful, and sympathetic people can be found in our Conference than here in Williamston." Reverend Maxwell died in 1952 at the age of fifty-five.



In 1938, Reverend S. J. Starnes was sent to Williamston, but he stayed only one year. During that year, the parsonage was completed, and his family was the first to live there. It was during his pastorate that the first Wesleyan Guild in the Conference was organized at the Williamston church with fourteen members. He started having Wednesday night prayer meetings and also started a two-week long Vacation Bible School. The congregation very reluctantly gave up Reverend Starnes after his having been here for only one year, but he was a prolific writer, and was made editor of the CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. After he left Williamston, he wrote and published several books. He died in Burlington in 1982 after sixty-one years of Christian service.

One of the longest pastorates of the church was that of Reverend B. T. Hurley who came in 1939 and served for seven years. While he was here, there was extensive renovation of the sanctuary. New pews were purchased and given by J. S. Whitley, who had them custom-made at a factory in the Piedmont. He also gave the new pulpit furniture which was hand-made at his lumber mill. It was at this time that the need for an educational building was realized, and plans were begun to build one; however, it was decided that repairing the main body of the church should take priority. This project was completed during 1947-1948 at a cost of \$7,288. Another great improvement made that year was the installation of a new heating system in the church. Most of the renovation work was done by volunteers among the congregation and was not completed until after the arrival of the next minister. On Sunday, February 13, 1949, the new pews were dedicated, and the newly renovated sanctuary was used for the first time.

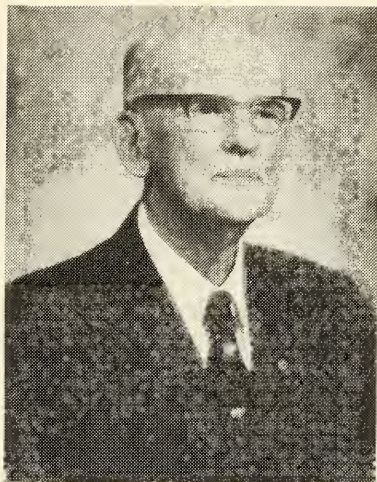
Upon completion of this project, the congregation began to think again about the need for an Educational Building. J. S. Whitley served as Chairman of the Building Committee, D. V. Clayton, Sr. as Treasurer of the Building Fund, and Herbert S. Whitley as the architect. The actual construction began in 1950 and was completed in 1951 during the ministry of Reverend E. R. Shuller, at a cost of \$25,263. Upon the completion of the building, there was an indebtedness of \$10,000 which would be liquidated at



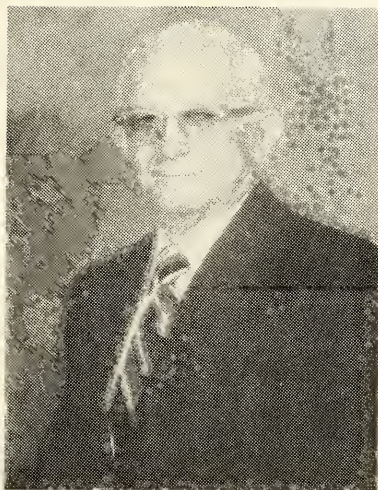
S. J. Starnes  
1938-1939



THE SECOND PARSONAGE—1940



B. T. Hurley  
1939-1947



R. E. Walston  
1951-1956

a later date. Reverend Shuller served the Williamston church from 1947 until 1951.

In 1951, Reverend R. E. Walston came to Williamston. No major changes were made to the church during that time, but it was painted on the outside and a back porch was added to the parsonage. The remaining debt on the Educational Building was paid during Reverend Walston's pastorate, but the ceremony of dedication was held in November after his departure.

Reverend R. C. Mooney, Jr. followed Walston in 1956. Soon after his arrival, plans were made for the dedication of the Educational Building. The ceremony was held on November 3, 1957 with District Superintendent W. C. Ball and Bishop Paul N. Garber leading the service. Reverend Walston returned also for the great occasion. During Reverend Mooney's pastorate, there was a sizable increase in church membership. The music program got quite a boost as well with the purchase of a new piano for the sanctuary. Reverend Mooney's philosophy about the church was reflected in this statement in his 1954 Conference notes:

"We need to ask to make our church a church that speaks with a prophetic voice in these times when a prophetic voice needs to be heard in the land. We ought to dare to be different; to be a Christian as we profess to be; we ought to have the courage to follow Christ at whatever cost."

Sidney Boone, who came to Williamston in 1959, said that on his arrival in Williamston, he found the people of the Methodist Church to be very interested in their church and in the cause of Christ. While he was here, the sanctuary was painted and air-conditioned. The old parsonage was converted into additional Sunday School rooms and a study for the pastor. Just before Reverend Boone went to Conference in 1960, the church board presented the following resolution to the Bishop for consideration:

"Whereas the church at Williamston under Reverend Boone's pastorate has had a season of progress, love, and harmony among its membership, and since it has had its spiritual life improved, let it be resolved that he be returned to the Williamston church for another year."





R. C. Mooney, Jr.  
1956-1959



After reading all available records, it seems that a spirit of unity prevailed in the church under his leadership. He said in his pastor's notes, "We are finding God's redeeming work being wrought in and through the Williamston Methodist Church. One of the things for which we are most grateful is the spirit of unity which we feel is by the grace of God."

The Reverend J. C. P. Brown came to the Williamston church in 1966. While he was here, the church again was repaired and repainted. New front doors were installed, new carpeting was installed in the sanctuary by the women of the church, and new hymnals were purchased. The total cost for these improvements that were made to the Educational Building, the Youth Building, and the Parsonage was \$3,387. In 1967, the old organ was beyond repair, so a new Allen organ was purchased with money bequeathed to the church by J. S. Whitley. It was dedicated on October 14, 1967. Reverend Brown did a great deal to help unify the churches in town by promoting union services with the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Christian Churches. It was during his pastorate that the Men's Prayer Breakfast was begun. It first began as a Lenten project, but was so successful that it is still being practiced even today in 1988. Reverend Brown was at the Williamston church for the 140th anniversary of its founding. Special services were held to commemorate that event with Bishop W. R. Cannon delivering the sermon. Reverend Brown and his family were greatly loved by the congregation and it was with great reluctance that they were allowed to leave. They went to Kinston after leaving Williamston and Reverend Brown is currently serving as District Superintendent for the Sanford District.

Wallace M. Ellis arrived in 1971 and spent the next seven years in the Williamston church. Many improvements were made to the church during that time, including the installation of vinyl siding on the outside of the church and the installation of stained glass memorial windows in the sanctuary. (These windows were purchased by various members of the church. A complete list of the memorials may be found in the Appendix.) Handsome brass chandeliers, given by Fisher and Pearl Harris, were hung in the sanctuary. The brass sconces on the side walls were given in

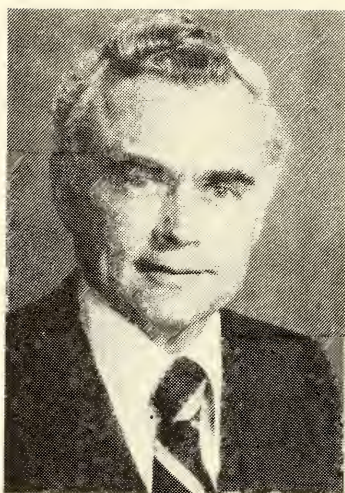
memory of James Carroll Jones, Sr. by his family, and the chandeliers in the vestibules were given by the families of Evelyn F. Daniels and Beulah T. Peel.

A tract of land was purchased in back of the church and attractive landscaping was done around the church buildings. It was at this time that a new family room was added to the parsonage. During his time in Williamston, Reverend Ellis and his family endeared themselves to the hearts of the parishioners. "Wally's" friendliness permeated everything he did, and it was with deep regret he was allowed to leave. He stated in his pastor's notes, "This church is a church of love and concerns that makes this a Christian Family Congregation, and it is a pleasure to serve them!" All of Reverend Ellis' children have remained in Williamston, and upon retirement, he and his wife plan to move back to Williamston.

Reverend Arthur Winstead followed Reverend Ellis in 1980. Even though he was here only one year, several additions were made to the church during that time. One of the most meaningful additions to the church program was the introduction of the Acolyte Program. This use of young people in the service added a new dimension and quality to the service. It has grown steadily since its inception and now boasts 31 members. It was also during Reverend Winstead's pastorate that the Choir Room was furnished and arranged as a memorial to H. L. Swain by his family. The parsonage was re-decorated at this time as well as the vestibule of the Youth Building. Both these projects were carried out by the women of the church.

After Reverend Winstead left, Reverend Charles Davis was sent to Williamston where he stayed for three years. During that time, there were many improvements made to the pastor's office and the addition of much needed office equipment. Reverend Davis also started a Church Library which has continued to grow since that time.

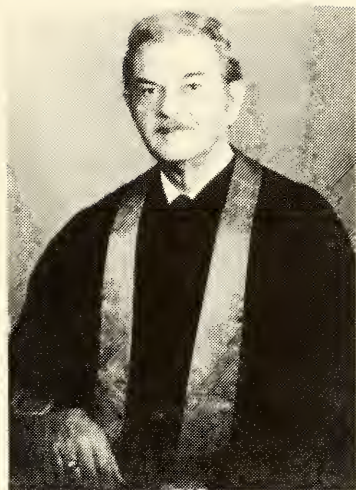
In 1984, Reverend Irving Cook was assigned the Williamston church. Since his arrival, he has been involved with every aspect of the church, giving of himself wherever he can. Under his leadership, there has been growth in youth involvement in church



James C. P. Brown  
1967-1971



W. M. Ellis  
1972-



Arthur Winstead  
1980-1981



H. Charles Davis  
1981-1984



activities, a growth in membership due to concerted efforts to visit new families in the community, and Bible study on Sunday night and Tuesday morning, conducted by Mrs. Cook. His willingness to visit the sick and infirm has been greatly appreciated and has been a source of comfort for so many in the church. Reverend Cook is constantly aware of all opportunities that are available to himself and the members of his congregation for learning more about the Lord and how we can learn to better serve Him. Because of his seeing the need for a church van to take the members to various functions, and his willingness to drive them there, many programs in our church have prospered that would not have otherwise done so. Since Reverend Cook is the minister at the time of the writing of this history, it is with saddened hearts we will face his eventual departure.

The Methodist Church in Williamston has played an important part in the history of the town. Its leaders have been some of the leading citizens of the town and some of the most influential people of the county. Since it has endured for these many years, its founders must have rooted it firmly in the Lord and built it with these words in mind: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it," Psalm 127:1, for it has surely prospered through these many years and is continuing to grow every day that passes. It is hoped that the First United Methodist Church will still be here in the years to come, ministering to the needs of those who find refuge within its walls.

Let us remember those people who went before us, who loved this church and who sacrificed to make it what it is today. They were called into Christian service by Christ just as we are today. None of us knows how long we will be here to serve Him, but we do know we have been given a charge to keep. Right now, we have the privilege of being a part of the First United Methodist Church in Williamston and of saying by word and life, "This is my church!"

It seems fitting to close this history with these words spoken by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor of this church in 1928, on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of Methodism in Williamston:



“This church will always minister to the whole man and to all men. Here at her altar, the penitent can find pardon and obtain peace. Here in her worship hours the Christian can worship and feed on the Bread of Life. Her doors are open, her spirit is love, her benediction is Peace. She invites all men of whatever creed or belief to protect her and help her save mankind for Jesus’ sake.”

NOTE: Membership of church at 1928 Centennial—190 members

Membership of church at 1978 Anniversary—509 members

Membership of church in 1988—485

Oldest living member in 1988—Ellen Coburn

Ministers still living in 1988—R. E. Walston

R. C. Mooney, Jr.

S. G. Boone

J. D. Young

J. C. P. Brown

W. M. Ellis

Arthur Winstead

Charles Davis

Irving Cook



Irving Cook  
1984-

## **WIVES OF THE MINISTERS**

It seems that whenever someone writes a church history, they always write about the ministers of the church, but seldom mention the wives of the ministers. It is unfortunate however, since the wives usually play such an important role in the activities of the church. For that reason, I am including some information on several of the wives of early pastors of our church.

### **MRS. H. M. EURE**

Lillian McCoy Eure was born in Melrose, Iowa, in 1870. She became a teacher in the public schools of Missouri and met Reverend Eure, a young North Carolinian who had joined the St. Louis Conference. They were married in 1890 and began their long career of service for Christ whom they so devoutly loved. Their work in Missouri was one of deprivation and hardship and after ten years there, they transferred to North Carolina.

In 1916, they were sent to Williamston where Reverend Eure served for two years. They were here during World War I and since there was an acute shortage of qualified teachers at that time, Mrs. Eure taught in the Williamston Public School for the two years they were here. They left Williamston in 1919 and in 1926, Reverend Eure suddenly passed away, leaving her with the responsibility of raising the children as best she could.

As the years went by, the burden became heavier, and during the last three years of her life, Mrs. Eure was an invalid, spending almost all of her time in bed. In 1945, she quietly passed away and was buried in Red Springs, North Carolina.

### **MRS. J. O. GUTHRIE**

Mrs. Jessie Stubbs Guthrie, wife of Reverend J. O. Guthrie, was born in Williamston, North Carolina, in 1862. Her father was General Jesse R. Stubbs, who built the railroad from Tarboro to Williamston and was its first president; and her mother was Miss Mary Williams, for whose family the town of Williamston was named.

She was married first to D. D. Simmons of Williamston who passed away in early manhood. In 1893, she was married to

Reverend Guthrie with whom she led a happy life. She was known as a true Christian who would oftentimes deny herself of comforts to supply the needs of others. She and Reverend Guthrie gave many years of Christian service until she developed an incurable disease which finally took her life in 1924. She was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Raleigh.

#### MRS. G. W. FISHER

Ida Love Fisher was born in Caswell County in 1866. In 1889 she was married to Rev. George W. Fisher of the North Carolina Conference. In 1897 they came to the Williamston church. The two of them served for thirty-seven years across the conference and everywhere they went they were loved by their congregations. Reverend Fisher died in 1926 and his wife followed him two years later.

Excerpt from RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS by  
Reverend L. L. Nash

Leonidas L. Nash entered the ministry in 1872 while living in Halifax County. He came to Williamston and served as pastor of the First United Methodist Church from 1875-1877. In 1916, he wrote the book *RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS* about his forty-three years of ministry. The following excerpt describes his pastorate while in Williamston.

## CHAPTER II. THE WILLIAMSTON CIRCUIT

I was sent to the Williamston Circuit from the Wilmington Conference. I reached my work very soon after Conference, and found quite a hard field, and much work to do. The old Williamston Circuit had been divided, but I had the following appointments: Williamston, Hamilton, Scotland Neck, Palmyra, Jone's Chapel, William's Chapel and Holly Springs. The circuit was forty miles long, and most of the appointments were on the Roanoke River.

I held revival meetings at every appointment on the circuit, and had some success at every place. I held a meeting at a school house, a few miles below Williamston, where we had fifty accessions to the church, and organized a church that was called Siloam. The county (Martin) was largely dominated by the Primitive Baptists, and the people were not generally favorable to Methodism, and did not believe in revival meetings. Nothing very remarkable occurred this year on the circuit.

The Conference met in Greensboro, in December, 1876, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh presided. I was received into full connection, and ordained a deacon at this Conference. Bishop Kavanaugh preached a Thanksgiving sermon that was one of the finest efforts ever heard by the North Carolina Conference. No one who heard the sermon will ever forget it. The Bishop seemed to hypnotize his audience. I suppose I was completely under the spell of his magnetic eloquence as anybody; but I was sitting by the Rev. John W. Lewis, one of our old preachers, and Dr. Closs was sitting in the chancel, looking up at the Bishop, with his head turned to one side, and tears running across his nose. Brother



Lewis said to me: "Dr. Closs is ugly when he cries, and he is ugly when he don't cry." That broke the spell on me, and I looked over the congregation, and the people seemed to be beside themselves. Strong men were weeping, and gazing at the Bishop as he soared away on such flights of eloquence as I had never heard. I do not believe that I could have told anything about it, if Brother Lewis had not broken the spell that bound me.

On the following Sunday nearly the whole of Greensboro turned out to hear the wonderful preacher. The house would not hold one-tenth of the people who were anxious to hear. I was among the number to be ordained, and had a chair in front of the chancel. But the Bishop did not come up to expectation, and preached a commonplace sermon. He was not a uniform preacher. He succeeded beyond anybody at times and again preached a very ordinary sermon. I never expect to hear anything equal to his Thanksgiving sermon while I live.

From Greensboro Conference I was returned to the Williamston Circuit, which had been enlarged by the addition of several appointments, which had been taken from the Williamston Circuit and out of which the Greenville Circuit was formed; this circuit was discontinued and the appointments were put back on the Williamston Circuit, and I had twelve churches, and my circuit was sixty miles long. This was in 1877, and the greatest year for revivals I ever saw. We had thirteen great revivals during the year. We began a meeting in Williamston on the third Sunday in January that ran on for thirty-one days through one of the coldest winters I ever saw. But the interest in the meeting was so great that no kind of weather could keep the people away from the church. There were over one hundred and fifty people powerfully converted. Many of those who held to the Primitive Baptist faith were converted; some of whom joined the Methodist Church, and some joined the Primitive Baptist.

Dr. Closs came to my help, and preached every day for ten or twelve days. He always believed that preaching the gospel and saving men was his principal work. There were some notable conversions in this meeting, among them Dr. Joshua Taylor, a leading physician of Williamston, who was quite a skeptic. He

became one of the most influential members on the charge. He was steward and Sunday-school superintendent, and although he had a large practice, he never failed to be at Sunday-school and church. He died young, beloved by all the people.

James Edwin Moore, a prominent lawyer of Williamston, was converted in the meeting. His father was a Primitive Baptist preacher, and he joined his father's church. Some people in the community were so prejudiced against the meeting that they would not go to it, but became so awakened that they sought the Lord in their homes, and were happily converted. It was a great work of grace and revolutionized the community.

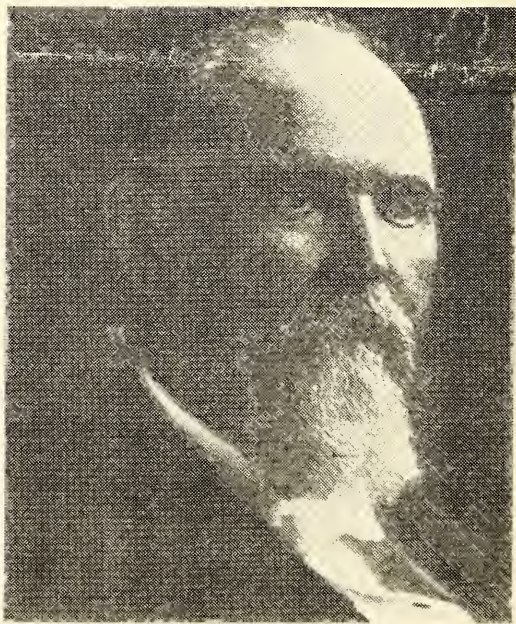
The most extensive revival of the year was at Bethel Church in Pitt County. The revival began the third Sunday in August, and the people came for miles around. We built an arbor, and preached under it for three weeks, morning and night. There were as many as three thousand who attended the services, and fully five hundred were converted. At the close of the meeting, I raised two thousand dollars to build a new church there, and we erected what at that time was the best church in the county.

At this meeting people fell helpless under conviction, and some had to be hauled home in this condition. The remarkable thing about it was, those who were most opposed to the meeting were the most powerfully convicted. I remember one old lady who made it a rule to abuse the Methodists. She came to the meeting out of curiosity, and was stricken speechless, and remained in that condition until she was converted. She joined the Methodist Church and continued a consistent member until the day of her death.

There was a Dr. James, at whose house I usually stopped, who claimed not to believe in the work at all. One night I saw him back in the congregation, and I went to him and asked him to go and examine a man who was strangely affected. He said, "No, I cannot go." I said to him, "I do not understand the case, and I want to see if you can explain it to me." He still refused. I asked him why he would not go, and he said, "I am afraid I shall get in the same fix myself." I could not get him to investigate the case. His wife was soundly converted and joined the church. The doctor was a good

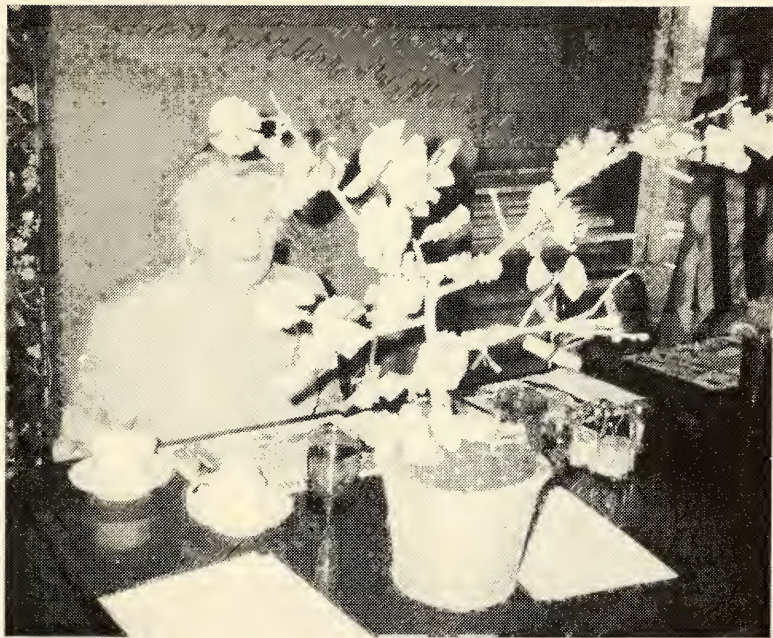
friend to me, and subscribed liberally to build the new church, but never gave his heart to God. He talked infidelity until I think he persuaded himself to believe his infidel talk. He was a good-hearted, generous man; kind to everybody, but an unbeliever to the last. His case convinced me that a man may, by persistent impenitence, destroy the work of grace in his heart, and put himself beyond the reach of repentance and faith. He lived to a good old age, and died just as he had lived, with no evidence of acceptance with God, and no hope of a better life.

Yours truly,  
L. L. Nash



L. L. Nash  
1875-1877



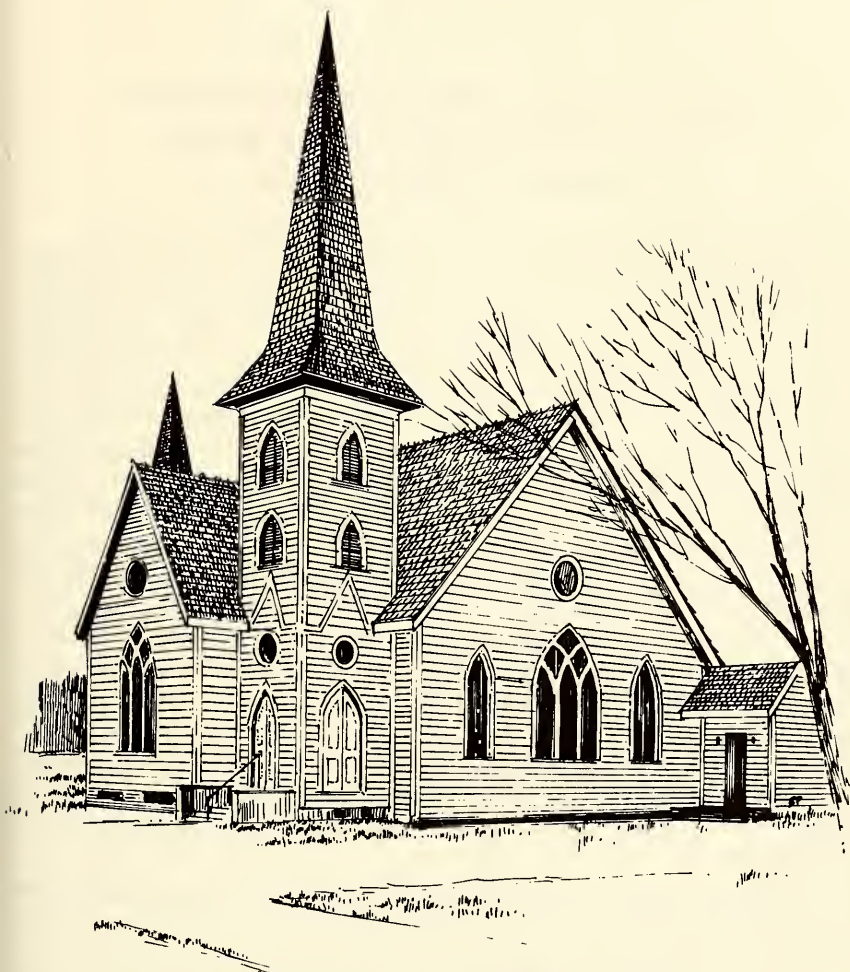


Our Oldest Living Member—Mrs. Ellen Coburn  
Age 98

## MINISTERS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WILLIAMSTON 1861-1988

1861	Washington Sandford	1904-1905	E. E. Rose
	Chaffin	1905-1906	P. L. Kirton
1862	James W. Wheeler	1906-1910	Charles L. Read
1863	E. A. Wilson	1910-1912	Rufus Bradley
1864-1865		1912-1915	James T. Stanford
1866-1867	J. J. Hines	1915-1916	N. M. Wright
1867-1869	W. H. Wheeler	1916-1919	H. M. Eure
1869-1871	James Mahoney	1919-1922	L. C. Larkin
1871-1872	B. B. Culbreth	1922-1923	M. R. Chambers
1872-1873	T. B. Reeks	1923-1925	E. D. Dodd
1873-1874	W. H. Call	1925-1926	T. W. Lee
1874-1875	J. Johnson	1926-1928	O. P. Fitzgerald
1875-1877	Leonidas L. Nash	1928-1929	D. A. Petty
1877-1878	J. D. Buie	1929-1933	C. T. Rogers
1878-1880	W. H. Watkins	1933-1936	R. R. Grant
1880-1883	W. B. Doub	1936-1938	S. A. Maxwell
1883-1884	J. E. Bristowe	1938-1939	S. J. Starnes
1884-1885	J. L. Keen	1939-1947	B. T. Hurley
1885-1886	J. O. Guthrie	1947-1951	E. R. Shuller
1886-1887	W. T. Cutchin	1951-1956	R. E. Walston
1887-1888	W. H. Townsend	1956-1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.
1888-1890	J. G. Nelson	1959-1964	S. G. Boone
1890-1892	George C. Harley	1964-1966	J. D. Young
1892-1893	E. C. Sell	1966-1971	J. C. P. Brown
1893-1895	J. R. Sawyer	1971-1980	Wallace M. Ellis
1895-1897	A. J. Parker	1980-1981	Arthur Winstead
1897-1899	G. W. Fisher	1981-1984	H. Charles Davis
1899-1900	J. T. Bagwell	1984-	Irving Cook
1900-1904	T. H. Sutton		





*First United Methodist Church*  
*1828-1988*  
*Williamston, North Carolina*

**"Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18**

## **SERVICES FOR DEDICATION OF METHODIST CHURCH IN WILLIAMSTON**

(As reported in THE ENTERPRISE, March 20, 1903)

"The Sabbath morning dawned clear and bright as the sun peeped over the tree tops in all its brilliancy and glory. Not a shadow flitted across its path to mar the beauty of the day and spoil the occasion so faithfully worked for. It was an ideal day. To look out over the landscape, it seemed that all nature had donned its richest attire for the occasion. The fragrance shed forth by the beautiful flowers as the dewy petals were tenderly kissed by the sunbeams, was indeed exhilarating. The merry chirps of the birds as they flitted hither and thither made one feel that it was indeed a great privilege to live and enjoy the blessings showered upon them by an unseen Hand. The people everywhere were inspired with a feeling of gratefulness, and no doubt many hearts were raised in silent prayer of thanks to the Great Creator who was smiling down upon them, and who had planned this beautiful day to receive the handsome edifice which had been erected for, and was to be dedicated to His service.

The news had gone out that Bishop A. Coke Smith was to conduct the service and early Sunday morning, crowds were seen coming into town from all directions. Quite a number came on Saturday.

A quarter of an hour before time for service, the church was crowded, a hundred chairs had been put in, and all the seats were filled and standing room was scarcely available.

When 11 o'clock arrived, the hour for the service to begin, the congregation sang that old but beautiful hymn, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name." The choir then followed with "Worthy Is The Lamb." The first morning hymn was "Great is the Lord Our God." After the prayer by the Bishop, he read for the first lesson the 103rd Psalm, and for the second lesson, the 4th chapter of Paul's Second Epistle of the Corinthians. After singing "Behold Thy Temple," the choir sang "Marching to the Land Above" while the morning offering was being taken.

The text for the sermon was the 12th, 13th, and 14th verses of the 166th Psalm: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of my salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people."

For an hour and ten minutes, the congregation listened attentively to a sermon filled with truth and love. It was a clear and forcible presentation of the subject as believed by the great man behind the pulpit. To attempt to comment upon the great sermon, the writer would utterly fail to do it justice. It could only be appreciated by hearing it as it fell from the lips of the man of God.

After the sermon, a collection was taken to raise money to replace the cross on the steeple, which was blown down during a recent storm, and also for a missionary offering. The amount raised was about \$70. The official board met around the chancel where Dr. J. B. H. Knight read from the DISCIPLINE the usual words in giving the edifice to the Lord: "We present you this house, to be set apart from all unhallowed or common uses, for the worship of almighty God." The Bishop responded in the language prescribed in the DISCIPLINE, which is: "Forasmuch as God has put into the hearts of His people to build this house for His worship, and has blessed them in the undertaking, we solemnly dedicate it to His service, for the reading and expounding of His Holy Word, the administration of her ordinances, and for all other acts of religious worship. That He may graciously accept this labor of our hands, let us devoutly pray." The prayer was read by the Bishop.

The congregation sang, "Come O Thou God of Grace," and the service ended with the benediction by Dr. L. L. Nash. The dedicatory service as conducted by the Bishop was indeed impressive and appropriate and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. It was an occasion that will never be forgotten by those present!"



Communion Silver used when the new church was dedicated. The custom of taking communion in one cup was continued until well into the 1920's.



*This article was written by Reverend T. H. Ivey, Methodist minister and editor of the RALEIGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, after he had visited the Methodist Church in Williamston in the fall of 1902.*

"Williamston is the county seat of Martin. It is a typical river town with some differentiating characteristics. Within the last two years, it has taken fresh blood into its industrial veins. "King Tobacco" has set his throne there. Two large warehouses are doing an immense business. New residences and business buildings are going up, and the quiet village of a few years ago is now the bustling growing town of fifteen hundred people.

Obedient to a promise made months ago, I left Raleigh on November 1st instant, to visit the Methodists of Williamston, who are rapidly growing in zeal and numbers. On my arrival at a late hour on Saturday night, I was met by Reverend T. H. Sutton, the preacher-in-charge and by Dr. J. B. Knight, who is known over a large section as one of the brightest and strongest members of the state's medical fraternity. I was housed for two nights and a day under his hospitable roof. My host and hostess are Methodists and know how to treat Methodist preachers!

When I promised Brother Sutton to be with him, I neglected to impose the usual condition that I should not be required to preach more than twice on Sunday. I was in Williamston but a short while when I was informed that I should preach three times—twice in town and once in the country!

Sunday was a typical autumnal day, and was full of real enjoyment. Large appreciative congregations greeted the editor in Williamston in the morning and at night. In the afternoon, I preached at Vernon, a small but vigorous congregation.

It is not difficult to see that Methodism in the Roanoke section is in a healthy and progressive condition. There is very little of the anemic in its make-up. The Methodists at Williamston rejoice in a beautiful new church, spacious and comfortable. Reverend Sutton has done excellent work on this charge. The people respect and love him, and very freely express their appreciation of him and his labours. This year he has lifted the last cent of debt resting upon the church at Williamston. This debt amounted to about \$1,500 and the paid notes were resting securely in Brother Sutton's pocket on last Monday morning. The church will be dedicated at an early date."



## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION — 1928 & 1929**

The following address was delivered by Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, pastor 1927-1928, on the occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of Methodism in First Church, Williamston, North Carolina, February 22, 1928.

### **HISTORICAL SPOTS OF WILLIAMSTON METHODISM**

When John Wesley began his revival of religion in Oxford, made a brief missionary stay in Georgia, went back to England to undergo his great spiritual awakening which he afterward called his conversion, and then began the greatest revival of religion England ever experienced; it was the Rev. George Whitefield, co-laborer with Wesley, who crossed and recrossed the Atlantic, sweeping up and down the American Colonies with his inspiring eloquence, moving like a flaming fire from Maine to Georgia, opening men's hearts, melting their wills and changing their lives. Whitefield's work in America was almost a religious movement within itself. Robert Williams and John King took up his work in Virginia and North Carolina, and formed Methodist Societies in these states. Then came Francis Asbury, delegated by John Wesley to be the assistant superintendent over the new formed societies. Asbury was afterward elected Bishop, and for fifty years this remarkable man, great in character and ability, unwearied and unceasing in travel and preaching, led and governed the growing hosts of Methodism in America.

At the close of the Revolution, the strength of Methodism was centered in Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. From these older states went forth her evangelists as religious pioneers to the South and West. No settlements were too sparse, no road too rough, no wilderness too wild for the itinerant Methodist preacher. They rode forth confident of their message, trusting in God, unafraid of man or beast. The "circuit rider" is, doubtless, the most significant figure in the religious movements of the South. He was a strong, stern man, repressing fun and gaiety as worldly pleasures dangerous to the soul; with no worldly goods save that which he carried on his back and in his saddle-bags, breaking the stillness of the forest with his prayers as he rode to

his next appointment, or mingling the melody of some sacred hymn with the songs of nature as he journeyed his way.

At evening he was found by the blazing hearth-stone of some pioneer's cabin, teaching of hell and heaven, praying for the out-pouring of the Spirit on the family, or standing on some rude platform in the woods, warning his eager listeners to flee from the wrath to come, urging them to seek for safety and peace in the saving blood of Jesus. From these unceasing labors came our "camp meetings" which had such a marked influence upon our Southern religious life. And from these camp meeting revivals grew the meeting houses which began to dot the sparsely settled communities of our pioneer days.

Methodism along the banks of the Roanoke River shares its origin with the early settlers who came to till a virgin and fertile soil, hew down their houses from the giant forests, stretch their fields across the rolling plains and plant a new civilization. These early homes assumed the character of men and were called by the slaves "The Big House." They were named by their owner such names as represented the nature and character of their surroundings. The first homes were destined to become historical markings for the generations to come. Perhaps no place in North Carolina could claim finer houses, richer furnishings, and greater evidence of material wealth before the war between the states than these historic homes along the Roanoke.

But where you find man you will find religion. And where you discover his home you will see his altar. These first settlers had their religion and their altars for worship. They gathered their families and household of slaves at the meeting houses and listened to the preached word. They gave and sold land and timber, furnished labor and time for the erection of these houses of worship. The history of the South is rich with the influence of Christianity. Their appreciation, acceptance, gifts and contributions toward Christianity have earned them the sacred title of being the most religious people in America.

Notable events were transpiring at the time this Church was organized. At the General Conference which convened in Baltimore in the Spring of 1824, two bishops were elected: Enoch

George, and Robert R. Roberts. At this Conference, a paper was submitted, called MUTUAL RIGHTS. This paper was sponsored by men like Nicholas Snethen and James O'Kelley. It was proposed in this resolution that a reformation of church polity, concerning the Episcopacy, should be made. That is, that the presiding elders should not be selected by the bishop, but that they should be elected by the Annual Conferences within the districts which they served. From 1824 to 1828 this agitation grew, with many "Union Societies" being formed and organized among the antagonists to the present form of episcopacy, who wrote memorials to the next General Conference asking for a thorough reformation of church polity. The General Conference convened in Pittsburgh in 1828. These memorials were rejected after much discussion. James O'Kelley and his followers were defeated. When they left the Conference, they began the organization of a Church. This Church was what we now call the Methodist Protestant Church. It was called for a number of years the "O'Kelleyite Methodist Church," because of the energetic efforts put forth by Rev. Mr. O'Kelley.

On November 2, 1830, the leaders of this branch of Methodism met in Baltimore, formed a discipline and constitution, and organized the Methodist Protestant Church, which has had a most honorable history.

The striking relation of this event to local church history is, that the Methodists of this community formed a new society, banding themselves in loyalty to the mother faith and church, during this trying period of young American Methodism.

Again, in the year 1828, at the General Conference in Pittsburgh Rev. William Capers was nominated and elected as the first fraternal delegate to the British General Conference of Wesleyan Methodism, with a vote of 72 to 62 against his opponent, to return fraternal greetings. For in the year 1824 Dr. Richard Reece and Rev. John Hannah had come to our General Conference in Baltimore as the first formal fraternal delegates to American Methodism.

*Enterprise*, Feb. 24, 1928

## **CENTENNIAL IS CELEBRATED BY LOCAL CHURCH**

Large Congregation at Methodist Church Service Wednesday

### **FORMER PASTOR HERE**

Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Oriental, Only One of Former Pastors Able to Be Here.

The Williamston Methodist church celebrated its centennial anniversary Wednesday evening, the 22nd.

All the living former pastors of the church were invited to attend the celebration, but on account of the bad weather only one, Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Oriental, attended. Rev. B. D. Critcher, pastor of Whitakers with a large number of people from several sections of the county, attended.

The program included songs, prayers, a love feast celebration and a historical sketch of the church for the past century.

The celebration went forward in a most friendly and brotherly manner, many members of other churches attending and who made short talks.

Rev. Mr. Stanford, in his short talk, expressed great pleasure in having the opportunity to meet those with whom he had lived and worked while pastor of the church several years ago.

Dr. Fitzgerald, pastor of the church, read the history of his institution, giving brief sketches of many interesting happenings during the hundred years the church served the community.

Organized in 1828, the local church is the oldest existing one of that denomination in this section of the State. For seventy-two years the first structure served the ever-increasing congregation, but in 1900, the needs of the church had outgrown the building and the present edifice was erected just to the side of the first building.

The church has a membership that compares favorably with the largest in the community, and the pastor with his congregation, is going forward with a highly constructive program.

*Enterprise*, Feb. 22, 1929

## **WILL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL CHURCH**

Special Service at Methodist Church Sunday Morning—Is now 101 Years Old

Rev. S. A. Cotton, Presiding Elder of Weldon District, Will Preach; Very Forceful Speaker

The First Methodist Church of Williamston will observe its one hundred and first anniversary Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The speaker for this occasion will be Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Weldon District. Rev. Mr. Cotton is a very forceful speaker, one of the leading Methodist ministers of the State, and the Church is happy over having secured his services for this important occasion.

The anniversary of Methodism in Williamston is now an institution. It has been definitely decided to observe this annual service each year in some prominent manner. Dr. FitzGerald, the pastor, has prepared a "Book of Memories" for a permanent record of these anniversaries. This Book of Memories is the property of the church and is dedicated to the historical phase of the church's life. Each anniversary, with all incidents of history, will be recorded in it. The order of worship, the name of each succeeding pastor, the name of each presiding elder serving this Episcopal district; all these will be written in this book. Another interesting feature is the section of the book given to the name and donations of friends and members of the church. These gifts, of whatever nature, and donations, will be given record.

Possibly one of the most interesting sections of the book, certainly to local members, is the space given to the record of the love offering. A voluntary love offering is received at each annual service. The individual name and amount of contribution of the donors will be given permanent record. This love offering is not confined to local members. Friends are privileged to make their offering to this cause, and they, too, will have their names and gifts recorded. The pastor urges that each person making contribution Sunday morning will be sure and place his name with the



gift. This will insure against confusion and enable accurate records.

Another important feature of these annual services is the love feast following the address. The love feasts were at one time a sacred service in Methodism. However, the influence of modern life has caused this feature to be omitted from many Methodist services. But the love feast in Williamston will be a fixed custom in her anniversaries. The love feast is not a sacrament of the Methodist but a religious custom used in former days as a means of developing and maintaining brotherly love and charity among her members. Bread and water are used in this church custom, each person is privileged to partake if they desire. Sunday morning the pastor will have as his laymen assistants the following: C. D. Carstarphen, Sr., G. W. Blount, R. S. Critcher, and L. B. Harrison.

The First Church extends a most cordial invitation to the public at large to join with them in the one hundred and first anniversary celebration of Methodism in Martin County.

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN WILLIAMSTON**

Since time immemorial, the women have been the backbone of the family and church. They have been the driving force, binding the work of the two together, and so it has been in the Williamston Methodist Church.

The first organization of women in the Methodist Church in Williamston was called the Ladies' Aid Society. In the September 19, 1902 issue of *THE ENTERPRISE*, it stated,

"The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a Basket Party at the Opera House tonight, and everybody is invited to come and help a good cause. There remains a small indebtedness on the church building, and the ladies hope to raise the amount so the church may be dedicated in the future."

The custom among the Methodists has always been to never dedicate a building while money is still owed on it. In this way, they never dedicated a debt! Another article in the paper stated that the women would be selling handmade items at the Masonic Hall Building to raise money to replace the cross on the steeple of the church that had been knocked off during a windstorm.

By 1921, while L. C. Larkin was pastor of the church, they re-organized and called themselves the Women's Missionary Society. Their next big project after that was to have both the church and the parsonage painted.

In 1923, during Reverend Chambers' pastorate, they began what was called "Cottage Prayer Meetings," and church records show that the weekly attendance at these meetings was outstanding.

By 1925, Reverend Dodd's records show that the women's work was moving along nicely, and they were doing splendid work. He said that interest in the Society was growing among the ladies of the church, due to the able leadership of its president, Mrs. W. C. Liverman.

In 1938, with a membership of thirty-five members, the women undertook the massive project of installing hardwood floors in the church.

In 1940, an auxiliary to the Missionary Society was formed, called the Wesleyan Service Guild, which was made up of business women in the church. That same year, while S. J. Starnes was pastor, the Women's Missionary Society was re-named again, now being called the Women's Society of Christian Service.

In Reverend Hurley's reports of 1941, he stated that the WSCS and the WSG were both active and well organized with the capable leadership of their president, Mrs. H. L. Swain. He also emphasized that the activity of these women was indispensable to the work of the church.

In 1973, the society underwent another change of name to be called simply, the United Methodist Women. Their stated purpose was to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ and to develop a creative, supportive fellowship that would expand global ministries of the church. They adopted an emblem which combined the cross and the flame, ancient symbols of the church dating back to the days of Christ and Pentecost. They represent sacrifice, witness, and service, qualities which the women of our church have certainly exhibited through the years!

To fund their various projects, the women have raised money in many different ways. At one time, they collected coupons from different products and redeemed them for money. They have had bazaars at Christmas, they have served suppers to various civic groups in town, and they have sold Christmas cards as well as household supplies. (Who could ever forget the "Danny Duzit" and stainless steel steak knives?)

With the money they collected, they have done many good things for the church. They have furnished and re-furnished the parsonage through the years. They have bought drapes for the Fellowship Hall, carpeting for the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, nursery furniture, air conditioners, shelves, cabinets, and dishes. One of their most impressive projects of recent years was the furnishing of the church parlor. They furnished it with lovely

carpeting, drapes, and furniture. It is now being used for small group meetings, as a Sunday School room for the Koinonia Class, and for the morning prayer group. It is impossible to enumerate all the projects that have been undertaken by the women of the church, but one can readily see the vital part they have played throughout the years of our church history in the upkeep and improvement of the church property.

All the money raised by the women has not been spent on local affairs, however, since for many years they have supported the Methodist Orphanage, leper colonies, widows, and needy families. They are currently supporting an orphan through the World Vision program.

Mary L. Taylor, the president of the WSCS in 1955, said in her report to the conference, "I am proud to be President of this group of women who are 'Doers of the Word and not Hearers only!' " This statement is still appropriate now in 1988, for even now, the women of the church are planning new and different ways to carry on the Lord's work.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*"... I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." (II Timothy 1:6)*



## **INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

September 19, 1940

The meeting was opened by the call to worship by Reverend S. J. Starnes, the Pastor, who made a talk on the importance of the women in the church and offered prayer. He then called the elected officers of the Society to the altar, which was beautifully decorated with ferns and a profusion of flowers and a number of lighted candles. He briefly gave the duties of each officer and then asked each if she were willing to assume such duties to the best of her ability. After they answered in the affirmative, they knelt at the altar while he prayed God's blessings upon them and their work. The officers, consisting of Mrs. H. L. Swain, President; Mrs. Clyde Manning, Vice-President; Mrs. Deborah Warren, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. D. Mason, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Treasurer, were presented to the Society and the meeting was turned over to them.

Upon taking their stations, Mrs. Swain made a short talk expressing a pang of sadness at the passing into history the name of the Women's Missionary Society, but expressed pleasure at the great work it had done and the foundation it had laid for the building of the new Society. She asked that each member study the work of the Society and outlined the duties and purposes of the organization. She also asked that all membership join her in making it a great movement for "building the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God."

Mrs. Marion Cobb made a short talk on the Wesleyan Guild, expressing the appreciation of this group of business women and reviewing the work accomplished by it. Mrs. D. N. Hix prayed that God would bless the efforts of the women in the church for the advancement of the kingdom of God among men.

At this point, the lights of the church were turned out and spotlights were lighted and directed to a Cross on either side of



which stood a candelabra with lighted candles, and a most impressive service was conducted. Mrs. Wheeler Manning sang "A Charge To Keep I Have." The congregation sang one verse of "Lead On O King Eternal" and then Miss Margaret Starnes entered from the rear, dressed in white and gave a reading, while Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr. played very softly. Mrs. John Wier sang "Give Of The Best to The Master."

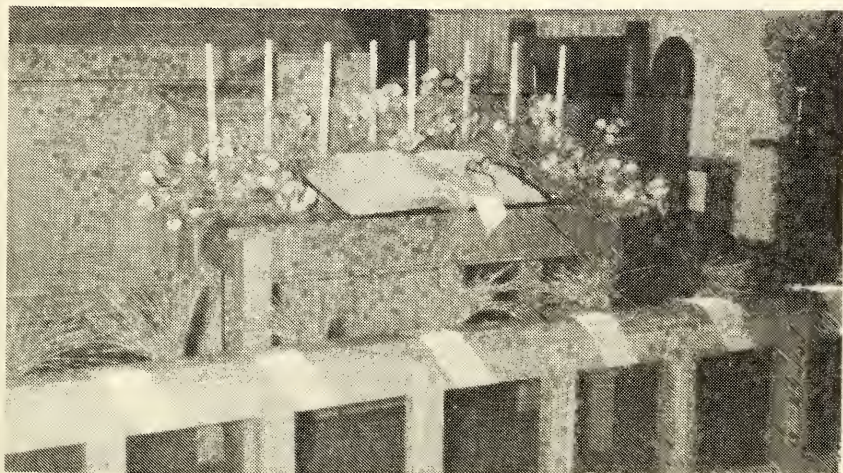
For the concluding part of the program in the church, the choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross." As this was being sung, Miss Mary Benson entered from the rear, dressed in white and knelt at the cross and remained there until the song was concluded and the benediction pronounced by Reverend Starnes.

After the devotional in the church, the women adjourned to the Parsonage for a fellowship meeting. Upon entering the Parsonage, each woman was given a booklet and told to get as many members on it as she could, and that the one getting the most members would get a prize. The three getting the least number, would be expected to entertain at the next meeting. Mrs. Wheeler Manning won the prize, beautiful linen handkerchiefs. Punch and cake were served to each person.

## THE FIRST MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY ORGANIZED WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. H. L. Swain  
 Mrs. W. E. Warren  
 Mrs. Clyde Manning  
 Mrs. Hattie Harrison  
 Mrs. J. D. Mason  
 Mrs. D. N. Hix  
 Mrs. M. L. Britton, Jr.  
 Mrs. R. L. Carver  
 Mrs. S. J. Starnes  
 Mrs. Maude Harrison  
 Mrs. Jack Booker  
 Mrs. Jack Daniels  
 Mrs. J. B. Taylor  
 Mrs. R. A. Critcher  
 Mrs. J. S. Whitley  
 Mrs. J. V. Patrick

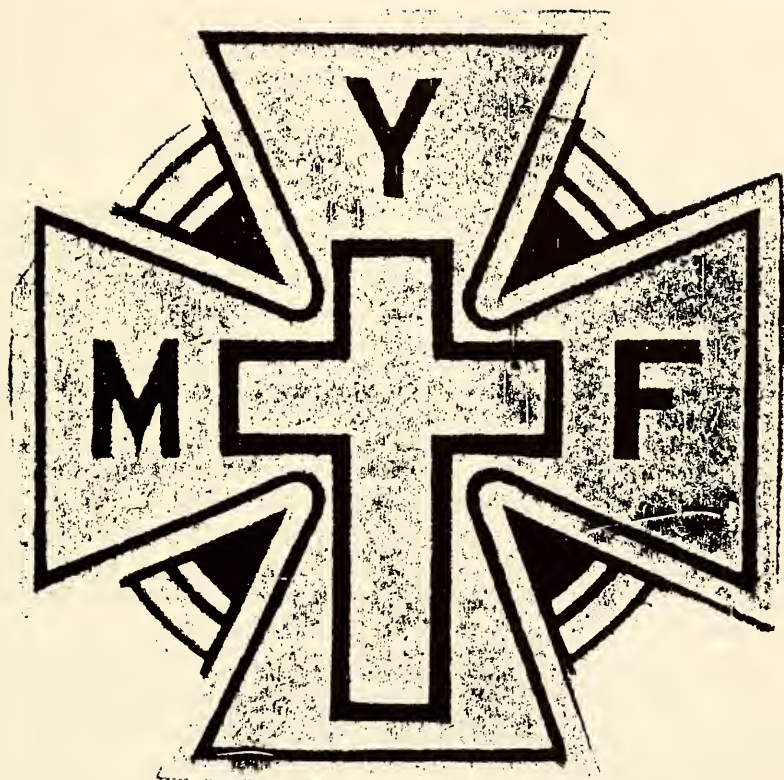
Mrs. P. C. Peel  
 Mrs. Roy Gurganus  
 Mrs. Lucy Ward  
 Mrs. Henry Crawford  
 Mrs. T. B. Brandon  
 Mrs. Patty Spruill  
 Mrs. Mamie E. Burden  
 Mrs. J. W. Watts  
 Mrs. J. D. Ward  
 Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen  
 Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr.  
 Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus  
 Mrs. W. K. Parker  
 Mrs. Claud Jenkins  
 Mrs. Alice P. Edwards



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Mrs. Hattie Harrison  
 Mrs. Patti Spruill  
 Mrs. Lucy Ward  
 Mrs. Pat Crawford  
 Mrs. Debbie Warren  
 Mrs. W. C. Liverman  
 Mrs. Clyde Ward  
 Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus  
 Mrs. Laura Melson  
 Mrs. Catherine Walston  
 Mrs. T. B. Brandon  
 Mrs. J. C. Anderson  
 Mrs. Frances Parker  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Watts  
 Mrs. Bettie Rose Manning  
 Mrs. H. L. Swain  
 Mrs. Margaret Harrison  
 Miss Mary Taylor  
 Mrs. Sylvia Clary  
 Mrs. Evelyn Steward  
 Mrs. Thad Drake  
 Mrs. Beulah Peel  
 Mrs. Catherine Boone  
 Mrs. Dot Manning  
 Mrs. Estelle Thigpen  
 Mrs. Ida Hofler  
 Mrs. Angela Grady  
 Miss Martha Leggett  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Allen  
 Mrs. Allen Thigpen  
 Mrs. Irma Chesson  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Roberson  
 Miss Mary Taylor  
 Mrs. Mary Britton  
 Mrs. Vivian Parker  
 Mrs. Carol Allsbrook  
 Mrs. Virginia Manning

Mrs. Bobby Thompson  
 Mrs. Anne Corey  
 Mrs. Robert Montieth  
 Mrs. Evelyn Daniels  
 Mrs. Eleanor Griffin  
 Mrs. Martha Coburn  
 Mrs. Flora Bowling  
 Mrs. Neda Stalls  
 Mrs. Louise Thrower  
 Mrs. Cora Lee Leggett  
 Mrs. Martha Tarkington  
 Mrs. Ruth Bowen  
 Mrs. Olivia Carver  
 Mrs. Dean Hartman  
 Mrs. Catherine Gurganus  
 Mrs. Dolly Vopelak  
 Mrs. Ethel Eubanks  
 Mrs. Faye Jones  
 Mrs. Faye Rodgerson  
 Mrs. Hilda Carswell  
 Mrs. Bernice Williams  
 Mrs. Connie Batchelor  
 Mrs. Louise Booker  
 Mrs. Lucille Windley  
 Mrs. Beatrice Whitley  
 Mrs. Anne Gurganus  
 Mrs. Marie Smith  
 Mrs. Mary Kate Daniels  
 Mrs. Jeanne Maner  
 Mrs. Ruth Bailey  
 Mrs. Gladys Farnell  
 Mrs. Debbie Osborne  
 Mrs. Evelyn Cook  
 Mrs. Allene Savage  
 Mrs. Donna Kazee  
 Mrs. Mary Ethel Tadlock  
 Mrs. Lou Landi





## THE METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The first organization for young people in the Methodist Church was known as the Epworth League. Formed in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1889, its object was "to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young members and friends of the Church; to aid them in the attainment of purity of heart and constant growth in grace, and to train them in works of mercy and help." They had as their motto, "Look up, Lift up."

The first attempt to organize such a group in the Williamston church was in July, 1916 while Reverend H. M. Eure was pastor of the church. It began with only thirteen members. This group had only been organized for five months when they had to stop meeting because of the extensive repairs being made to the church.

The group re-organized in 1917, but again got off to a slow start, due to a severe epidemic of flu in Williamston that year. Another hindrance to the League was that there was no leader who would take the responsibility of working with the young people. In Reverend Eure's Conference notes in 1918, he said, "We have organized an Epworth League which is starting off well. Hope it will mean much to the young people and to the church in the future."

According to the notes kept by Reverend Larkin in 1920, the League was finally making progress, and they were now quite successful with the membership up to forty-two and with an average attendance of thirty-five. The young people raised more than \$100 with which they purchased new book racks for the church hymnals. Reverend Larkin noted, "The Epworth League is growing and doing good work! The pastor appreciates the way in which the young people have taken hold of this work. Our League has been doing splendid work and it will be a great training ground for the young people as it continues to grow."

Under the leadership of Reverend Larkin, the League did continue to grow. The young people began holding prayer meetings once a month, and Larkin reported to the Conference that a



Sunday School room had been built and paid for by these young people. Not only did they complete that project, but they also paid \$35 toward repairs on the parsonage. Reverend Larkin said,

"The Epworth League has been a great source of encouragement and help to the pastor and church. We have a fine company of young people filled with a spirit of loyal service. Our League in the Williamston church would do credit to churches of much larger membership than ours. For the size of the church, I believe Williamston has one of the best Leagues in the Conference. This group is the brightest spot of the church life and I hope that some of the older people of the church might catch some of their spirit!"

After Reverend Larkin left Williamston, Reverend Chambers took up his work with the youth of the church, and his notes show how much this group of young people meant to him as well. He said,

"The Epworth League at Williamston is doing especially good work. The weeks of prayer have been observed since the last Quarterly Conference and they have held services at sunrise each Sunday morning. The young people under the splendid leadership of Mr. B. B. Carstarphen, President, and Miss Josephine Sykes, Superintendent of the first department are taking much interest in the devotional services and are beginning to look upon the League as a means of grace, and not merely a social function of the church."

Reverend Chambers was here for only one year, and he was followed by Reverend E. D. Dodd. It was during his pastorate at the church that this group of young people undertook quite a large project, assuming half the support of an orphan child. Reverend Dodd wrote in his Conference notes, "We have one of the finest Epworth Leagues I have ever worked with. They are functioning now as a 100 percent League!"

In 1925, Reverend Lee reported that the League was doing fine work, growing both in spirit and enthusiasm. In 1937, Reverend Maxwell reported that the League had organized a choir for

evening vesper services. By 1942, there was a union of three Methodist bodies into one and they were now called the Methodist Youth Fellowship, or MYF, a name that it has retained since that time.

In 1959, while Reverend Mooney was pastor here, the youth group undertook a project that would have long-lasting benefit for the church and community. They constructed a life-size nativity scene to put in front of the church at Christmas time. It has been used every year since that time and only this year did the current MYF members have to replace the figures. This nativity scene was presented to the church as a gift from the young people.

The young people of our church have played a vital role in church activities, and they truly are, as in the words of Reverend Larkin, "The brightest spot of the church life!"



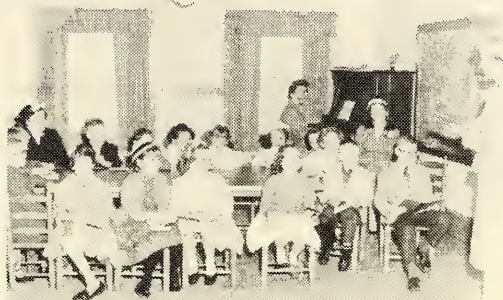
Nativity scene made by the MYF in 1959.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

From the few existing Sunday School records, it appears that attendance was very poor in 1920 with less than one hundred people on roll, and with less than half that number in attendance on Sunday. In 1921, when Reverend Larkin came to Williamston, some progress was made in stimulating interest in the church school. He saw a need for the adults to become more involved and helped organize the Wesley Class for the older members. He also began the custom of observing Sunday School Day and organized a Bible class for all age groups. His notes tell of a Sunday School he helped organize on the Hamilton Road to help "meet the needs of the people in that area," but does not state exactly where it was located.

Every minister who followed Reverend Larkin had the Sunday School as a priority for improvement, and all of them stated how difficult it was to promote interest in it. By the 1930's, there were still only about one hundred and twenty-five on roll with the attendance never reaching one hundred. In 1938, a Young Adult's Class was organized, and Reverend Maxwell said it had the potential of being the largest class in the church.

Through the years since that time, ministers have come and gone, and the Sunday School roll has had periods of both growth and decline. Now in 1988, with support and stimulation given by Reverend Cook, the number on roll is 182 with an average attendance topping one hundred.







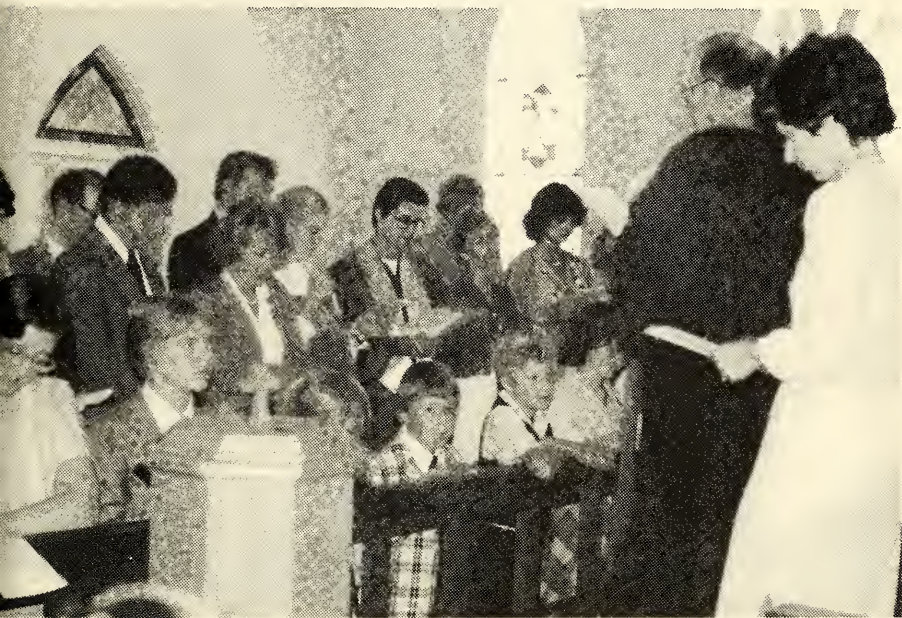
J. E. POPE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—ca. 1910

Front Row—(Left to Right) R. Bradley (pastor's son), Samuel Gardner, William Ellison, C. D. Carstarphen

Second Row—Earl Leggett, Ralph Edwards, John E. Pope, Sr. (Teacher), Joe Nelson, Fitzhugh Roberson, Rowland Crawford

## THE ACOLYTE PROGRAM

The Acolyte Program was begun in the Williamston Church during the pastorate of Arthur Winstead in 1980. The word "acolyte" comes from the Greek meaning "follower," "attendant," or one who serves or assists the clergy in the service. In the days of Samuel, service in the sanctuary was an honor and privilege, and so it is with the young people who have chosen to participate in this most meaningful service. Their part in the service is not for show, but to make the service more orderly and worshipful. This program has added much dignity and reverence to our services.



ACOLYTE INSTALLATION SERVICE—1981



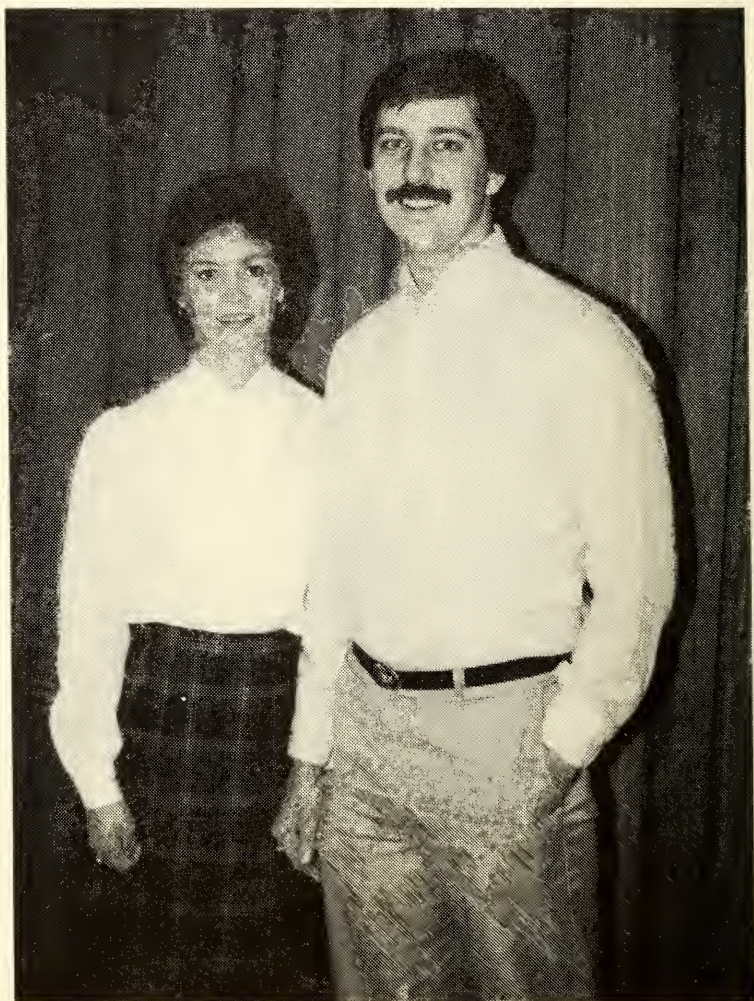
## **MEMBERS OF THE ACOLYTE PROGRAM—1980-1987**

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| <p>1980—Jason Allen<br/>                 Leigh Allen<br/>                 Kelly Allsbrook<br/>                 John David Ambrose<br/>                 Lesley Beddard<br/>                 Ray Gurganus<br/>                 Allison Manning<br/>                 Lori McLelland<br/>                 Cait Osborne<br/>                 Mark Williams</p> | <p>1984—Kendall Ambrose<br/>                 Jennifer Hall<br/>                 Anne Roberson</p>   |
| <p>1981—Trahey Maner<br/>                 Timothy Mobley<br/>                 Misty Page<br/>                 Janet Rogerson<br/>                 Mary Charlotte Rodgerson<br/>                 Bengy Ward<br/>                 Jonathan Whitley<br/>                 John Wesley Williams</p>  | <p>1985—Colleen Bembridge<br/>                 Lori Roberson<br/>                 Nikki Whitley</p>   |
| <p>1982—Jane Mizelle<br/>                 Amy Roberson<br/>                 Jeffrey Roper<br/>                 Matthew Roper<br/>                 Chris West</p>  | <p>1986—Katherine Daniel<br/>                 Brandon Denning<br/>                 Deanna Everett<br/>                 Starlyn Hasty<br/>                 Meredith Hardison<br/>                 Joshua Mobley<br/>                 Kelvin Page<br/>                 Paula Parker<br/>                 Jessica Raymond<br/>                 Matthew Raymond<br/>                 Justin Whitley</p> |
| <p>1983—Gayna Hall<br/>                 Timothy Hall<br/>                 Kristofer Maner<br/>                 Autumn Mobley<br/>                 Vickie Mizelle</p>  | <p>1987—Jeremy Fowden<br/>                 Kelly West</p> <p>ACOLYTE MOTHERS:<br/>                 Virginia Manning<br/>                 Mary Ethel Tadlock</p>   |

## OUR MISSIONARIES



George and June Megill—Brazil



Jim and Mary Wallace Wilson—Raleigh, North Carolina

## TRUSTEES

“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.” Psalm 127:1

1920—G. W. Blount  
J. B. H. Knight  
W. T. Meadows  
J. E. Pope  
J. D. Simpson

1921—J. E. Pope  
G. W. Blount  
W. T. Meadows  
J. B. H. Knight  
J. D. Simpson

1923—G. W. Blount  
J. B. H. Knight  
W. T. Meadows  
J. E. Pope  
J. D. Simpson  
C. D. Carstarphen

1924—G. W. Blount  
W. T. Meadows  
C. D. Carstarphen  
J. E. Pope  
L. B. Harrison  
J. W. Watts, Jr.  
E. P. Cunningham  
F. K. Hodges

1925-1926—G. W. Blount  
C. D. Carstarphen, Sr.  
W. T. Meadows  
C. D. Carstarphen, Jr.

1938—L. B. Harrison  
John E. Pope  
J. S. Whitley  
R. A. Critcher

1939—L. B. Harrison  
J. S. Whitley  
J. E. Pope  
J. R. Hassell

1940—J. S. Whitley  
J. L. Hassell  
Mrs. L. B. Harrison  
J. E. Pope  
R. S. Critcher

1941-1944—J. S. Whitley  
J. L. Hassell  
J. E. Pope  
Mrs. Hattie Harrison



## **RECIPIENTS OF THE WALLACE TARKINGTON SCHOLARSHIP**



1985—Amy Susan Roberson

Daughter of Elizabeth Whitley Roberson and John Curtis Roberson

1986—Lesley Ann Beddard

Daughter of Barbara and Leslie Beddard

1987—Mary Allison Manning

Daughter of Virginia and Bobby Manning

1988—Jason Marcus Allen

Son of Ann and Leon Allen





OUR FIRST CHRISMON TREE



THE EASTER CROSS MADE FROM THE TRUNK OF THE CHRISMON TREE.





Mrs. Beatrice B. Whitley and Reverend J. C. P. Brown—Dedication of ALLEN ORGAN bequeathed by Jesse Stuart Whitley, October 14, 1967.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

New altar and choir screen	Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley	1938
Church pews and altar furniture and altar rail	Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitley	1940
Pulpit Bible	R. S. Critcher	1943
Collection Plates	Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harris	1957
Cross and Candlesticks	Mrs. Grace Tilton Norton by her family	1947
Pulpit Lamp	Mrs. John A. Wier In memory of John A. Wier	
Lectern	R. A. Critcher	1954
Furniture for Sunday School Room	In memory of R. S. Critcher Mary and D. V. Clayton In memory of Pattie C. Spruill	
Pulpit Scarf and Book Mark	By Church Choir In memory of Nell Ward	
Baptismal Bowl	Mrs. Grace Finch In memory of Sylvia Clary	
Pulpit Scarf and Book Mark	Women's Society of Christian Ser- vice	1966
Brass vases	In honor of all charter members Women's Society of Christian Ser- vice	1966
	In honor of Mary Bonner Gurganus	
Allen Electronic Organ	Mr. J. S. Whitley Bequeathed in his will in 1957 Installed October 14, 1967	
Silver Serving Tray	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Steward In memory of Ruth Ward Griffin	1967
Pulpit Bible	Presented by Loving Friends of	1967
Memorial Desk	Ruth Ward Griffin	
"In Remembrance" Memorial Book		
Plaque for Memorial Desk		
Walnut Lectern		
Communion Table Runner		
Engraved Organ Lamp	Friends of First United Methodist Church In memory of T. P. Wood	1969
Oak Lectern	Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Manning For Wesleyan Bible Class	1975
Silver Bread Plate for Communion Service	Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Jr. In memory of his parents	1970

Choral Music Holders	Senior Choir	1970
	In memory of T. P. Wood	
Three "Young Readers Bibles" and Two candlelabrum	By loving friends of Louise Corbett Taylor as a memorial to Louise Corbett Taylor and Mrs. William R. Taylor	
Altar Paraments	Mrs. Charles Harris	
	In memory of Mrs. Van Taylor	
Bulletin Board in Front of Church	By Friends and his wife Virginia Clayton in memory of D. V. Clayton, Sr.	
Sanctuary Chandeliers	C. F. Harris and Pearl Harris	1973
Baptismal Font	Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Thrower and family	
	In memory of Mrs. Matilda Thrower	1973
Vestibule Chandelier	Mrs. Evelyn Daniel	1973
Vestibule Chandelier	Beulah Peel's Children	1973
	In honor of Beulah T. Peel	
Candle Lighter	Olena M. Swain	
Upper Window Spot Lights	Loving Friends in Memorial Funds for the following:	1973
	H. L. Swain	
	R. L. Coburn	
	Daniel Manning	
	Claude Leggett	
	Hugh Bell, Jr.	
	Mrs. Clyde Ward	
	Mrs. Lizzie Allen	
	Glenward Allen	
Kneeling Bench	Mrs. John H. Gurganus	
	In memory of her mother, Annie B. Turner	
Transom Glass	Loving friends in memorial fund and by his wife, Martha W. Tark- ington	
	In memory of Robert E. Tark- ington	
Side Lighting Fixtures in Sanctuary	Faye M. Jones, Carroll Jones, Jr., Nola R. Jones, and loving friends In memory of James Carroll Jones Sr.	1975



Queen Anne Desk Chair	Caddie Robertson and loving friends In memory of Onward L. Robertson	
American Flag and Christian Flag	Elizabeth Watts, John Watts and loving friends In memory of J. W. Watts	1978
Picture "SUNDAY MORNING"	Neal Jones, daughters and loving friends In memory of Jennie Jones	1979
58 King James Bibles and Bible Racks	By loving friends In memory of Bill Harrison and Jim Snead	1979
Candlelighter	Family and Friends In memory of Hilda T. Carswell	1981
Cassette Tape Deck	Martha Tarkington In memory of R. E. Tarkington	1981
Carpet and Drapes in the Choir Room	Loving friends and family In memory of Elena M. Swain and Herbert L. Swain	1981
Picture in the Church Fellowship Hall	Joe and Ellen Thigpen In memory of Charlotte C. Brown	1981
Fern Stand for Church Fellowship Hall	Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hopkins and Family In memory of Charlotte C. Brown	1982
Fern Stand for Church Fellowship Hall	Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maner and Family In memory of Edwin M. Trahey	1982
Green Altar Paraments	Loving friends and Families In memory of Bess T. White, Oswald Stalls, and Edgar J. Gurganus	1983
Purple Altar Paraments	Loving friends and Families In memory of Mary L. Britton	1984
Ceiling Fan for Church Parlor	Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White In memory of Laura Walker Melson and Susan Barnard	1984
White Altar Paraments	By loving friends In memory of Evelyn H. Manning	1984

75 COKESBURY HYMNALS	By loving friends and family In memory of Laura Walker Melson	1984
Grand Piano for Sanctuary	Anne B. Gurganus, Ed and Ray Gurganus, Jim and Lamar Koontz, Steve, Betsy and Amy Koontz, and loving friends In memory of Edgar J. Gurganus and Elizabeth Faircloth	1984
38 Hymnals for the Sanctuary	By loving friends and families In memory of: Edgar Gurganus Charles Peele T. C. Liverman Althea Vopelak Mary Britton Buford Martin James O. Bowen Campbell Menaugh Julian Harrell Evelyn Manning Wallace Tarkington Laura Melson	1984
Punch Ladle	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniels In memory of Laura Melson	1984
Scholarship	Loving friends, family, and wife and daughters, Frances, Mary Wallace, and Eva Ruth In memory of Wallace H. Tark- ington	1984
8 Hymnals	Mr. Collin Peel, Mrs. H. L. Daniels, Dr. Olena Bunn, and Mrs. Alberta Elliot In memory of Elizabeth Watts, Libby Payne, and Mildred M. Grimes	1985
Tapes for Tape Ministry	Loving friends In memory of Fletcher Thomas	1985
Tape storage, Cart, Microphones, Risers for Music Ministry	Loving friends In memory of Charlotte Aber- nathy	1986
Music Equipment for Youth Choir and Risers	Family and loving friends In memory of Walter Smith	1986

Amplifying system for Church Sanctuary	Family and Loving Friends	1986
4-Color Set of Usher Badges	In memory of Frances Parker	
	Family and friends	1987
Books in Library	In memory of Fred Chesson	
<i>AND ARE WE YET SAVED?</i>	Memorial Gifts	1987
<i>WHO SWITCHED THE PRICE TAGS?</i>		
Full Color-set of Abingdon Bible Maps on a Tripod	In memory of Mrs. Eva L. Cook	1988
GE VCR and an RCA Television Moniter	In memory of Ransome Earles, Joseph D. Hardison and Ernest "Neal" Jones	1988

## MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

1. In Memory of Jesse Stuart Whitley  
9-15-1885 2-23-1957  
In Honor of Beatrice Benjamin Whitley  
7-28-1897  
Given by their daughter  
Elizabeth W. Roberson
2. In Memory of William Henry Carstarphen  
10-13-1903 4-13-1958  
Given by Gertrude N. Carstarphen  
Son—William H. Carstarphen
3. "I Am the Way, The Truth, and The Life"  
Jim and Louise Snead
4. (Medallion)  
In Loving Memory of the George N. and Mary Bonner  
Gurganus Family
5. In Memoriam  
Vernon A. Johns  
1896-1961  
John G. Corey  
1890-1969  
Given by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Corey
6. To The Glory of God  
Given by Bessie T. White, Hilda T. Carswell, Glora T. and  
R. L. Bowling, Martha W. and R. E. Tarkington
- 7.
8. (Medallion)  
In Loving Memory of  
Herbert Linwood Swain  
11-16-1894 11-1-1972  
By Olena M. Swain and Daughters

9. In Memory of  
Daryl Vincent Clayton, Sr.  
10-30-1901 3-21-1970  
Given by his family
- 10.
11. To the Glory of God  
Given by Fisher and Pearl Harris
12. In Memory of  
Daniel Wilson Manning  
11-30-1912 11-4-1972  
Given by wife Dorothy and sons Tommy and Jerry
13. In Honor of  
Wallace Hassell Tarkington  
Born Dec. 11, 1911  
Given by Frances Tarkington, Wife  
Eva Ruth Tarkington—Daughter  
Mary Wallace Tarkington—Daughter
14. (Medallion)  
In Memory of  
Lovett Biggs Harrison  
5-30-1876 5-20-1938  
Hattie Harrell Harrison  
3-14-1877 12-30-1954  
Given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison
15. In Honor of  
Olena McClees Swain  
By daughters  
Olena Bunn  
Mary Kate Daniels  
Alberta Elliott



16. In Honor of  
Bettie Rose Manning  
Born October 23, 1904  
By Clyde Manning  
Turner Manning  
Elizabeth T. Inabinette

“We want to tell you further, brethren, about the grace of God which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia; For in the midst of an ordeal of severe tribulation, their abundance of joy and their depth of poverty (together) have overflowed in a wealth of lavish generosity on their part. For, as I can bear witness, they gave according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, and they did it voluntarily, . . . first they gave themselves to the Lord . . .”

II Corinthians 8:1, 2, 3, 5  
The Amplified Bible



This symbol stands for Marriage in Christ. Marriage is represented by intertwined rings. Christ is represented by the Christogram, an ancient symbol made up of Christ's name in Greek XP and formed into a cross.

### REGISTER OF MARRIAGES

NAMES	DATE MARRIED	MINISTER
John W. Crowell & Sallie Asbel	12/31/1893	J. R. Sawyer
Alfred S. Richardson & Hennie G. Slade	6/20/1894	J. R. Sawyer
Thomas A. Stallings & Mary A. Short	11/8/1894	J. R. Sawyer
J. C. Crawford & Fannie Bateman	10/2/1895	J. R. Sawyer
James E. Brown & Lizzie Bond	11/6/1895	J. R. Sawyer
W. B. Hodges & Eda Coburn	11/20/1895	J. R. Sawyer
Eugene M. Gordy & Lena Tucker	12/18/1895	J. R. Sawyer
J. M. Tucker & Maggie Biggs	1/22/1896	A. J. Parker
F. Samuel Upton & Sallie B. Roberson		A. J. Parker
Archibald Sherrod & Lizzie Sherrod	4/28/1897	A. J. Parker
T. F. Robertson & Annie Bryant	10/13/1897	A. J. Parker
J. Gus Godard & Bell Ellison	10/20/1897	A. J. Parker
H. T. Keel & Mollie Hardison	9/21/1898	G. W. Fisher
B. S. Maulsby & Bessie Rhodes	10/26/1898	G. W. Fisher
Charles Benthall & Lenora Weathersbee	11/7/1898	G. W. Fisher
Frank Gorham & Mary J. Jenkins	2/15/1899	G. W. Fisher
James T. Ewell & Annie Clyde Barnhill	10/31/1899	G. W. Fisher
Joshua L. Ewell & Mrs. Susan Walton	11/22/1899	G. W. Fisher
J. Paul Simpson & Sallie Cook	1/16/1901	T. H. Sutton
Arthur Brock & Mamie Tucker	4/17/1901	T. H. Sutton
Charles D. Carstarphen & Eliza Bennett	2/24/1901	T. H. Sutton
John York & Annie Bernard	4/28/1901	T. H. Sutton
Joe Robertson & Della Wynn	6/3/1901	T. H. Sutton
Henry Herbert Pope & Fannie Ellison	10/29/1901	T. H. Sutton
N. S. Cherry & Mary Andrews	11/27/1901	T. H. Sutton
Zeb. Warren Brown & Muzette Mizzell	12/18/1901	T. H. Sutton
Luby Satterwhite & Annie Burroughs	12/18/1901	T. H. Sutton
Ben F. Crawford & Rosamond I. Pope	12/25/1901	T. H. Sutton
Walter R. Howard & Minnie Cooper	12/31/1901	T. H. Sutton
Alonzo Hassell & Martha Bennett	11/5/1902	T. H. Sutton
Hugh Burras & Ora Jenkins	11/12/1902	T. H. Sutton
A. J. Adams & Nancy A. Bennett	1/7/1903	T. H. Sutton
John M. Sherrod Salsbury & Mary Louise Baker	11/10/1903	T. H. Sutton

Fabius Lee Minga & Lavenia W. Peele	11/11/1903	T. H. Sutton
Lovet Biggs Harrison & Hattie Emma Harrell	11/18/1903	T. H. Sutton
Alonza Phelps & Ida Moore	11/25/1903	T. H. Sutton
Thomas Peed & Mabel Thomas	12/23/1903	T. H. Sutton
Joe Roberson, Jr. & Mamie Coburn	7/4/1904	T. H. Sutton
Wiley Bunting & Nellie York	11/23/1904	T. H. Sutton
Percy Brown & Annabelle Everett	1/3/1905	E. E. Rose
Willie Mallory & Effie Saunders	1/17/1905	E. E. Rose
John Tetterton & Bertha Perry	1/18/1905	E. E. Rose
William Polk McCraw & Henrietta H. Peel	6/11/1907	C. L. Read
William M. York & Grace Eakes	10/3/1907	C. L. Read
Spencer Harrell & Blount Johnson	1/19/1916	N. M. Wright
Noah Jones & Ada Williams	1/24/1917	H. M. Eure
Levi L. Riddick & Rowland G. Moore	4/1/1917	H. M. Eure
Edward Arthur Hamilton & Ella Granbery Eure	8/8/1917	H. M. Eure
B. Lewis Knox & Annie Rhodes Shaw	6/8/1919	H. M. Eure
Bruce Chesson & Blanch Moore	9/6/1919	H. M. Eure
R. L. Lindamood & Erma Woodhouse	10/2/1921	L. C. Larkin
David G. Gaskins & Mary Clyde Leggett	3/6/1928	L. C. Larkin
Allen Peed & Ruby Askew	4/17/1928	O.P. Fitzgerald
Earl Taylor & Annie Mizelle		M. R. Chambers
James Herbert Ward &		D. A. Petty
Claud Elmer Jenkins, Jr. & Emma Lou Manning	12/18/1941	B. T. Hurley
Benjamin Franklin Grimes & Ruth Summerlin		
Hurley	4/13/1942	B. T. Hurley
W. B. Daniels & Mrs. Carolyn Stalls	7/22/1942	B. T. Hurley
F. Elmo Bunn, Jr. & Olena Belle Swain	10/31/1942	B. T. Hurley
Joseph L. White & Mary Helen Boykin	12/23/1942	B. T. Hurley
Wendell Gardner & Ida Cherry	6/12/1943	B. T. Hurley
Bennett Daniels & Mary Katherine Swain	6/22/1943	B. T. Hurley
J. C. Ambrose & Magnolia Beddard	1/29/1944	B. T. Hurley
Lonnie Haislip & Mildred Lassiter	6/10/1944	B. T. Hurley
John P. Clayton & Hilda Modlin	10/3/1944	B. T. Hurley
Charles Wesley Knowles & Nannie Gray Manning	1/27/1945	B. T. Hurley
George Robert Graham & Marian Franklin Hurley	2/2/1945	B. T. Hurley
Kenneth W. Loudon & Nina Mae Bunch	2/10/1945	B. T. Hurley
Slade White & Grace Grimes	March/1945	B. T. Hurley
Leslie Straub & Irene Peele	7/1/1945	B. T. Hurley
Charles O. Martin & Leyta Faye Manning	12/2/1939	S. J. Starnes
Virgil F. Northcott & Eva Louise Perry	2/2/1941	B. T. Hurley
James W. Bedwell & Virginia Dorris Goddard	2/8/1941	B. T. Hurley
Joseph H. Moore & Sybil E. Woodley	7/25/1941	B. T. Hurley
William Clarence Morse, Jr. & Dorothy Bruton		
Hurley	8/29/1941	B. T. Hurley

## MARRIAGES

NAME	MINISTER	DATE
Charles O. Martin	S. J. Starnes	12- 2-39
Leyta Faye Manning		
Virgil I. Northcott	B. T. Hurley	2- 2-41
Eva Louise Perry		
James W. Bedwell	B. T. Hurley	2- 8-41
Va. Dare Goddard		
Joseph H. Moore	B. T. Hurley	7-25-41
Sybil E. Woodley		
William Clarence Morse, Jr.	B. T. Hurley	8-29-41
Dorothy Bruton Hurley		
Claud Elmer Jenkins, Jr.	B. T. Hurley	12-18-41
Emma Lou Manning		
Benjamin Franklin Grimes	B. T. Hurley	4-13-42
Ruth Summerlin Hurley		
W. B. Daniels	B. T. Hurley	7-22-42
Mrs. Carolyn Stalls		
Falc Elmo Bunn, Jr.	B. T. Hurley	10-31-42
Olena Belle Swain		
Joseph Levis White	B. T. Hurley	12-23-42
Mary Helen Boykin		
Wendell Gardner	B. T. Hurley	6-12-43
Ida Cherry		
Bennett Daniels	B. T. Hurley	6-22-43
Mary Kathrine Swain		
J. C. Ambrose	B. T. Hurley	1-29-44
Magnolia Beddard		
Lonnie Haislip	B. T. Hurley	6-10-44
Mildred Lassiter		
John P. Clayton	B. T. Hurley	10-3-44
Hilda Modlin		
Charles Wesley Knowles	B. T. Hurley	1-27-45
Nannie Gray Manning		
George Robert Graham	B. T. Hurley	2-2-45
Marian Franklin Hurley		2-10-45
Kenneth W. Loudon	B. T. Hurley	2-10-45
Nina Mae Bunch		

Slade White	B. T. Hurley	March, 1945
Grace Grines		
Leslie Straub	B. T. Hurley	7-1-45
Irene Peele		
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Rollin Leslie Lewis	R. E. Walston	6-26-55
Bernice Ward		
Thomas Ruffin Huffines	R. E. Walston	7-8-55
Bessie James Ross		
Luther P. Bowen	R. E. Walston	9-11-55
Ruth Jenkins Wheeler		
Lester Ray Bell	R. E. Walston	11-26-55
Annie Ruth Ward		
Jackie F. Wade	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	9-2-56
Jane Whitaker		
Eddie N. Harris	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	6-14-58
Ann Davis Peel		
Joseph Allen Whitaker	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	3-28-59
Mary Ann Barber		
Charles Robert Carver	J. D. Young	11-1-64
Dorothy Norwood Ruckles		
James Dalton Brown	J. D. Young	7-20-65
Patsy Stevenson Bowling		
Jerry Forrest Woodside	J. D. Young	8-21-65
Patricia Ann Drake		
Charles D. McNaughton	J. D. Young	3-26-66
Sarah Leona Lilley Decato		
Douglas Ulring Kells	James C. P. Brown	11-20-66
Julia Louise Thrower		
Tommy Eugene Roberson	James C. P. Brown	12-18-66
Louisa Ann Windley		
William Henry Everett, Jr.	James C. P. Brown & Neil H. Bain	1-28-67
Daphne Dale Decato		
Kenneth Wayne Beach	James C. P. Brown	4-1-67
Betsy Allen Baker		
Andrew Benjamin Consoho III	James C. P. Brown	8-19-67
Sally Lois Hagan		

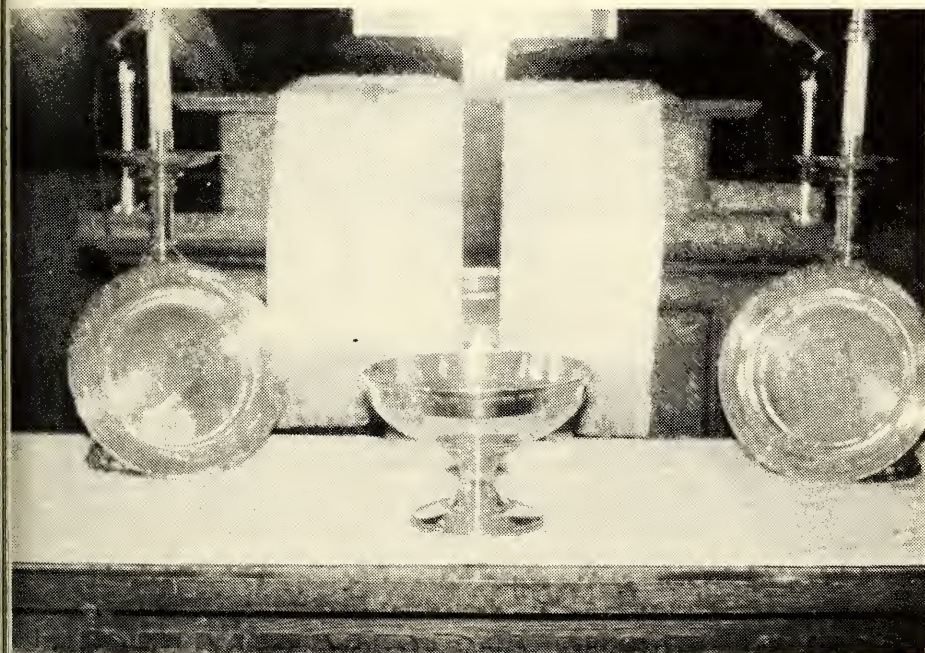


Benjamin Gilford Prescott, II	James C. P. Brown	8-19-67
Janice Ann Long		
William Ronny Kirkman	James C. P. Brown	6-23-68
Doris Jean Tyer		
Richard Alan Smith	James C. P. Brown	9-8-68
Nancy Suzanne Jones		
Henry L. Taylor, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	11-28-68
Martha Victoria Leggett		
Michael Allen Peele	James C. P. Brown	11-28-68
Judy Carole Gurganus		
William Franklin Manning	James C. P. Brown	1-25-69
Susie Diane Kirkman		
James Henry Darden, III	J. P. Parvin	5-31-69
Carolyn Marie Parvin		
Robert Wilbur Hidsbeth	James C. P. Brown	7-19-69
Brenda Barnes Hawkins		
Burke Henry Parker	James C. P. Brown	12-23-69
Ila Darleene Foltz		
Leslie T. Fowden, Jr.	James C. P. Brown	11-21-70
Irma Theresa Baggett		
Michael Joseph La Corte	James C. P. Brown	1-3-71
Patricia Estelle Crawford		
David Wells York	James C. P. Brown	2-3-71
Jennifer Gail Ipock		
Leon Scull Williams	W. M. Ellis	6-19-71
Emily Dell Earles		
Cecil Ward	W. M. Ellis	11-18-71
Luella Stone		
Daniel Sharpe, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	11-20-71
Alice Stalls		
Calvin Brown	W. M. Ellis	6-3-72
Debbie Bowen		
Maynard A. Mobley	W. M. Ellis	10-22-72
Flora Anne Parker		
Reginald Nadie Fleming	W. M. Ellis	2-10-73
Denise Ann Ferris		
Patrick Parker	W. M. Ellis	3-17-73
Vivian Herrington		
John Thomas McCarter, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	8-25-73
Mary Anne Corey		

Gary Nelson Burden	W. M. Ellis	12-29-73
Frances Lamar Gurganus		
Jerry Lynn Jones	Samuel L. Wood &	1-12-74
Nancy Ann Ellis	W. M. Ellis	
(Minister's Daughter)		
Larry Hux Hartman	W. M. Ellis	2-8-74
Judy Anne Smith		
Joe Harrison	W. M. Ellis	3-16-74
Doris Rogers		
John Gray Currin, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	11-30-74
Sarah Neal Jones		
Robert Campbell	W. M. Ellis	12-21-75
Susan Long		
Robert Benjamin Godard	W. M. Ellis	4-13-75
Sheila Gay Snow		
Harry W. Bennett	W. M. Ellis	6-7-75
Mildred Gurganus		
Joe Wingate	W. M. Ellis	6-21-75
Cindy Bradley		
John Case	W. M. Ellis &	12-18-75
Brenda Rouse	James Lee	
David Bunch	W. M. Ellis	11-1-76
Deborah Vann		
Lennie Plummer	W. M. Ellis &	7-10-76
Vickie Ellis	S. L. Wood	
(Minister's Daughter)		
Stephen Perry	W. M. Ellis	7-17-76
Paula Hartman		
Philip Nichols Waters	W. M. Ellis	7-1-77
Judy Jay Daniels		
Gary Thomas Roberson	W. M. Ellis	8-14-77
Angelia Beddard		
Herbert Whitley, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	5-28-78
Mary Lane Brown		
Gary Thomas Pruden	W. M. Ellis	6-24-79
Deborah Lynn Branch		
John Franklin Mills	W. M. Ellis	7-29-79
Janet Howard Thigpen		
Joe Vopelak	W. M. Ellis	9-1-79
Dolly Stalls		

William Rogerson, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	5-17-80
Nancy Sharpe		
Eddie Bowen	W. M. Ellis	6-1-80
Frances Tucker		
David Arner	A. W. Winstead	12-20-80
Elizabeth M. Gorrie		
Craig Earl Johnson	H. Charles Davis	9-19-81
Frances Ann Davis		
Jeffrey Thomas Peele	H. Charles Davis	12-6-81
Susan Edmondson Tadlock		
Stephen Oakley Fuller	H. Charles Davis	12-19-81
Sonia Winston Davis		
Joseph Carl Moore	H. Charles Davis	8-7-82
Benita Jo Daniels		
Charles Harvey Johnson	H. Charles Davis	8-15-82
Mitzi Renee Beach		
Carroll Jones, Jr.	H. Charles Davis	11-28-82
Gail Coltrain		
Kevin Patrick Donlan	H. Charles Davis	1-8-83
Lisa Jean Powers		
Jim Wilson	H. Charles Davis	6-18-83
Mary Wallace Tarkington		
Bobby Gene Wynn	H. Charles Davis	12-21-83
Toi Su Smith		
David Michail Brown	H. Charles Davis	1-7-84
Paula Kay Hammack		
John Randell Ellis	H. Charles Davis	1-14-84
Julia Glenn Williams		
James Windall Rawls II	H. Charles Davis	2-18-84
Donna Faye Ferris		
Stephen Darryl Cook (Minister's Son)	Irving E. Cook	8-18-84
Pam Roberson		
David Paul Cook (Minister's Son)	Irving E. Cook	11-22-84
Karen Sue Forrest		
Wheeler Martin Manning	Irving E. Cook	12-13-84
Rachel Edmondson Wynn		
Donnie C. Modlin	Irving E. Cook	6-29-85
Connie Strickland		

Jeffery Lynn Hartman	Irving E. Cook	5-3-86
Teresa Darnell Pope		
Donald Lee Piper	Irving E. Cook	6-8-86
Recca Leigh Stott		
Paul David Lange	Irving E. Cook	2-14-87
Lib Mobley		
James Ernest Speight	Irving E. Cook	3-28-87
Gayna Patrice Hall		



Some of the Communion Silver and Silver Baptismal Bowl used in early days of our church.

## BAPTISMS

NAME	PARENTS	BY WHOM BAPTIZED	DATE
Annie Elizabeth Jones	David C. Jones & Bettie C. Jones	J. R. Sawyer	8/26/1894
Charles H. Baker, Jr.	Charles H. Baker & Mollie R. Baker	G. G. Harley	June/1895
Peter Doub Ewell	"Doc" Ewell & Sallie Watts Ewell	J. R. Sawyer	11/28/1895
Lilly Sherrod	Archibald Sherrod & Mary T. Sherrod	J. R. Sawyer	11/28/1895
Deborah Sherrod	Archibald Sherrod & Mary T. Sherrod	J. R. Sawyer	11/28/1895
Archibald Sherrod	Archibald Sherrod & Mary T. Sherrod	J. R. Sawyer	11/28/1895
Henry Sherrod	Archibald Sherrod & Mary T. Sherrod	J. R. Sawyer	11/28/1895
Stephen McCauly Ewell	Stephen & Sallie Ewell	A. J. Parker	4/11/1897
Annie Clyde Parker	Asa J. Parker & Mattie M. Parker	H. S. Black	5/23/1897
Ralph Lee Fisher	G. W. Fisher & Ida L. Fisher	J. T. Gibbs	4/31/1898
Ellison Godard	J. G. Godard & Belle Godard	G. W. Fisher	10/19/1898
Mary Elizabeth	E. M. Gordy & L. J. Gordy	G. W. Fisher	4/16/1899
Mary Belle	J. R. Ellison & Sallie Ellison	G. W. Fisher	4/16/1899
Pauline Turner	E. M. Gordy and Lena J. Gordy	T. H. Sutton	1/6/1901
Archie Sherrod	C. H. Baker & Mollie Baker	T. H. Sutton	6/9/1901
William A.	W. A. Ellison & Mary K. Ellison	J. O. Guthrie	4/21/1901
Charles Doughtry	C. D. & Eliza Carstarphen	T. H. Sutton	11/16/1902
James Henry	W. A. Ellison & Mary K. Ellison	J. O. Guthrie	11/16/1902
Mary King	W. A. Ellison & Mary K. Ellison	J. O. Guthrie	11/16/1902
Elizabeth Walker	H. H. Pope & Fannie E. Pope	T. H. Sutton	7/5/1903
Martha Cotton	Ben Crawford & Rosamond Crawford	T. H. Sutton	April/1904
William Henry	C. D. & Eliza Carstarphen	T. H. Sutton	11/20/1904
Margaret Alice	A. E. Whitmore & Catherine Whitmore	T. H. Sutton	11/27/1904
Lucy Sutton Hays	J. G. Hays & Addie G. Hays	C. L. Read	10/6/1907
Arthur C. Oakley	J. L. Oakley & Mattie G. Oakley	C. L. Read	5/19/1909
Ethel G. Oakley	J. L. Oakley & Mattie G. Oakley	C. L. Read	5/19/1909
Eliza Griffin Newell	S. Atwood Newell & Nell Simpson Newell	C. L. Read	Feb/1910
William Harrell Harrison	L. B. Harrison & Hattie H. Harrison	C. L. Read	11/20/1910
Evelyn J. Harrison	L. B. Harrison & Hattie H. Harrison	C. L. Read	11/20/1910
James Hart Bradley	Rufus Bradley & Lillian E. Bradley	J. E. Underwood	9/4/1911
John Atwood Newell	S. Atwood Newell & Nell Simpson Newell	C. L. Read	11/27/1911
Annie Brown Jerome	J. T. Jerome & Annie Brown Jerome	C. P. Jerome	Dec /1915
James Hodges Parker	James Allen Parker & Eva Wolf Parker	N. M. Wright	Jan/1916
Callus Saunders	David Saunders & Bettie Saunders	N. M. Wright	7/19/16
Emma Bell Harris	Jennie Yarrell (Grandmother)	H. M. Eure	11/25/1919
Bryant Bennett			
Carstarphen	C. D. & Eliza Carstarphen	H. M. Eure	11/25/1919
Thomas Sutton			
Carstarphen	C. D. & Eliza Carstarphen	H. M. Eure	11/25/1919
Mary Elizabeth			
Carstarphen	C. D. & Eliza Carstarphen	H. M. Eure	11/25/1919
Martha Alice Bundy	Edgar E. Bundy & Mattie Bundy	H. M. Eure	10/1919
May Frances Maynor	Sylvester Maynor & Dolie Maynor	O. P. Fitzgerald	3/25/1928
Alberta Edwards Knox	W. A. Knox & Janie Knox	O. P. Fitzgerald	12/24/1927
James Wiggins Watts III	J. W. Watts, Jr. & Elizabeth W. Watts	M. R. Chambers	May/1923
Walter Eugene Price	Hunter Price & Mary G. Price	L. C. Larkin	
John Fleming Thigpen	Dr. J. F. Thigpen & Estelle S. Thigpen	L. C. Larkin	
Jean Dent Watts	Maurice D. Watts & Ethel D. Watts	L. C. Larkin	
Julia Crawford Watts	Maurice D. Watts & Ethel D. Watts	L. C. Larkin	
Ned Cunningham	Edward P. Cunningham & Carrie Dell B.	L. C. Larkin	
James Luther Harrell	Ola Harrell & J. B. Harrell	M. R. Chambers	9/1923



William Linwood Harrell	Jasper N. Harrell & Aretha Harrell	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Stewart H. Harrell	Jasper N. Harrell & Aretha Harrell	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Louis Alfred, Jr.	L. A. Thompson & Emily R. Thompson	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Thomas Willoughby	L. A. Thompson & Emily R. Thompson	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Billy Anthony	L. A. Thompson & Emily R. Thompson	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Willis Earl Strickland	Strickland	M. R. Chambers	9/1923
Elizabeth R. Hollingsworth	C. B. Hollingsworth & wife	T. W. Lee	11/18/1926
George R.	E. P. Cunningham & Carrie Dell Cunningham	T. W. Lee	11/4/1926
Clora Elizabeth Sanders	T. W. Lee & Clora P. Lee	L. A. Cotton	11/4/1926
John Smallwood	Pete Raynor & Mrs. Pete Raynor	T. W. Lee	11/7/1926
Janette Rhodes	J. S. Whitley & Beatrice Whitley	T. W. Lee	11/21/1927
Paul Foust	J. B. Andrews & Lilla Belle Andrews	O. P. Fitzgerald	9/29/1929
William Ready Watson	R. G. Fitzgerald & Myrtle B. Fitzgerald	O. P. Fitzgerald	10/20/1929
Elizabeth Murray Whitley	Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watson	C. T. Rogers	11/17/31
John Watts	J. S. Whitley & Beatrice Whitley	C. T. Rogers	10/24/33
Janie Louise Perry	J. W. Watts, Jr. & Mrs. Watts	C. T. Rogers	1933
Sallie Elizabeth Hardison	Simon Perry & Mary E. Perry	C. T. Rogers	9/16/34
Frédéric L. Hardison	R. J. & Fanny M. Hardison	C. T. Rogers	9/16/34
Wilton Alton Knox, Jr.	R. J. & Fanny Hardison	C. T. Rogers	9/16/34
Jane Julia Johnson	W. A. Knox and Mrs. Knox	C. T. Rogers	11/28/34
Bettie Carter Grant	Julia Ward & Mr. Johnson	R. R. Grant	4/12/36
	Eugene Bowers Grant & Minnie Spencer Grant	R. R. Grant	5/10/36
William Henry Carstarphen, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen	B. T. Hurley	12/8/1940
Pauline Elizabeth	Mr. & Mrs. Hubert A. Satterfield	B. T. Hurley	8/23/42
Robert Ward	Mr. & Mrs. Harry B. Thompson	B. T. Hurley	10/11/42
Ann Elizabeth	Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Harrison	B. T. Hurley	10/25/42
William Lovett Harrison	Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Harrison	B. T. Hurley	10/25/42
Robert Randolph Allen	Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Allen	B. T. Hurley	10/25/42
Linda Luzette Sutherland	Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Sutherland	B. T. Hurley	3/9/44
William Clarence Morse III	Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Morse, Jr.	B. T. Hurley	10/22/44
Myra Virginia Fisher	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fisher	B. T. Hurley	10/22/44
Eva Ruth Tarkington	Wallace H. & Frances Stillman Tarkington	R. E. Walston	5/15/1955
Vicki Ann McRae	Frank Henry & Barbara Gurganus McRae	R. E. Walston	9/4/55
John Carter Wier	John Willis & Lou Coleman Wier	R. E. Walston	9/25/1955
Michael Leonard Herman	Odell Leonard & Elizabeth Harris Herman	R. E. Walston	10/30/55
James William Herman	Odell Leonard & Elizabeth Harris Herman	R. E. Walston	10/30/55
George Lee Roberson, Jr.	George Lee & Norma Rae Wood Roberson	R. E. Walston	6/10/1956
Jacquelyn Suzanne Roberson	George Lee & Norma Rae Wood Roberson	R. E. Walston	6/10/1956
Donna Wood Roberson	George Lee & Norma Rae Wood Roberson	R. E. Walston	6/10/1956
John Vernon Corey	George Warner & Ann Johns Corey	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	9/23/56
Mark Jeffery Harris	Charlie Fisher & Pearl Brennan Harris	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	4/21/57
Everett Tilden Diggs, Jr.	Everett Tilden & Rebecca Gwendolyn Newman Diggs	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	6/16/57
Daryl Vincent Clayton III	Daryl Vincent, Jr. & Eleanor Dale Rhodes Clayton	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	8/18/57
Ralph Wayne McNinch Jr.	Ralph Wayne & Bettie McNinch	Edwin S. Sheppe	12/29/57
George Nicholas McRae	Frank Henry & Barbara Gurganus	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	4/6/58
Michael Thomas Thrift	Roger Grange & Frances Peterson Thrift	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	4/6/58
Jane Martin Manning	Wheeler Martin & Evelyn Hinnant Manning	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	4/20/58
Sarah Marie Futrell	Zane Grey & Marie Newcomb Futrell	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	5/4/58
Mary Wallace Tarkington	Wallace H. & Frances S. Tarkington	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	5/25/58
Lisa Giles McLamb	Harold & Dorothy McLamb	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	8/16/59

Kevin Scott Andrews	John Benjamin & Priscila Jones Andrews	Sidney Boone	1/10/60
John Albert Andrews	John Benjamin & Priscilla Jones Andrews	Sidney Boone	1/10/60
David Walter Stanley	Emmett Walter & Janie Perry Stanley	Sidney Boone	4/9/60
Victor Rogers Daniels, Jr.	Victor Roger & Lola Bishop Daniels	Sidney Boone	4/17/60
Frank Bishop Daniels	Victor Roger & Lola Bishop Daniels	Sidney Boone	4/17/60
Ann Douglas Harris	Eddie and Ann Peel Harris	Sidney Boone	2/19/61
Jackie Boyd Wier	John Willis & Lou Coleman Wier	Sidney Boone	5/14/61
Elizabeth Tarr Cook	Joe William & Jean Tarr Cook	Sidney Boone	8/27/61
Theresa Ann McKeel	Freddie Brown & Ann Harrison McKeel	Sidney Boone	9/10/61
Frances Ann Tucker	Benjamin Ray & Hannah Daniels Tucker	Sidney Boone	9/17/61
Barbara Gurganus McRae	Frank Jr. & Barbara Gurganus McRae	Sidney Boone	11/26/61
Frederick Clark Harmon, Jr.			5/8/60
Mark Edward Harmon			5/8/60
Susan Denise Harmon			5/8/60
Blount Corbett Craft	Robert Pitt & Barbara Corbett Craft	Sidney Boone	1/21/62
Brenda June Dillingham	Bobby Howard & Valmar Griggs Dillingham	Sidney Boone	1/21/62
Henry Benjamin Roberson, Jr.	Henry Benjamin & Janice Davis Roberson	Sidney Boone	4/22/62
Gary Lee Stanley	Emmett Walter & Janie Perry Stanley	Sidney Boone	5/26/62
Edgar Jarvis Gurganus, Jr.	Edgar Jarvis, Sr. & Ann Beasley Gurganus	Sidney Boone	10/21/62
Jeffrey Lynn Hartman	Paul James & Dean Hux Hartman	Sidney Boone	5/12/63
Jane Elizabeth Roberson	Henry Benjamin & Janice Davis Roberson	Sidney Boone	3/22/64
Harold Upchurch, Jr.	Harold & Ruth Upchurch	Mitchell Faulkner	5/10/64
Robert Norwood Carver	Charles & Dorothy Carver	J. D. Young	7/11/65
Kevin Andrew McKeel	Fred B. & Ann Harrison McKeel	J. D. Young	9/5/65
Paul Lyles Daniel	Victor Roger & Lola Bishop Daniel	J. D. Young	4/9/66
Beverly Ann Barnes	Larry Rufus & Virginia Clement Barnes	J. D. Young	4/10/66
Richard Donald Bray	James & Brenda Bray	J. D. Young	5/25/66
Robin Nanette Bray	James & Brenda Bray	J. D. Young	5/25/66
David Brown Manning II	Virginia Chesson & David Brown Manning	J. D. Young	6/5/66
Michael James Saunders	James R. & Shirley Saunders	J. C. P. Brown	10/9/66
Lisa Catherine Snead	Hinton Thomas & Mary Snead	J. C. P. Brown	10/30/66
Helen Louise Tucker	Ben R. & Hannah D. Tucker	J. C. P. Brown	12/11/66
James Milford Newcomb, Jr.	James M. & Betty L. Newcomb	J. C. P. Brown	12/25/66
Johnny Anthony Newcomb	James M. & Betty L. Newcomb	J. C. P. Brown	12/25/66
William Clayton Newcomb	James M. & Betty L. Newcomb	J. C. P. Brown	12/25/66
Tlitha Wynne Cooke	Nathan & Helen Wynne	J. C. P. Brown	1/15/67
Daniel Carl Ferrell	Carl & Mildred Ferrell	J. C. P. Brown	1/29/67
Rory Cameron Bray	James & Brenda F. Gray	J. C. P. Brown	3/19/67
Deborah Lee Vann	Joseph A. and Dorothy P. Vann	J. C. P. Brown	3/26/67
Joe Martin Vann	Joseph A. and Dorothy P. Vann	J. C. P. Brown	3/26/67
Bunny Elaine Minshew	David E. & Jacquelyn P. Minshew	J. C. P. Brown	3/26/67
Rex Taylor Raiford	J. Phillip & O'Neil T. Raiford	J. C. P. Brown	3/26/67
Stephanie Leigh Crofton	A. Clayton Jr. & Dianne S. Crofton	J. C. B. Brown	4/2/67
Emily Dell Earles	Ransom W. & Odell R. Earles	J. C. P. Brown	5/28/67
Mary Evelyn Sparrow	Ronnie W. & Mary E. Manning Sparrow	J. C. P. Brown	9/3/67
Mary Charlotte Rodgersson	William D. & Faye Abernathy Rodgersson	J. C. P. Brown	11/19/67
Frances Stuart Eason	E. Frank & Frances Eason	J. C. P. Brown	4/7/68
James Laurence Eason	E. Frank & Frances Eason	J. C. P. Brown	4/7/68
Mary Elizabeth Eason	E. Frank & Frances Eason	J. C. P. Brown	4/7/68
Nancy Critcher Sharpe	Dan C. & Ella Critcher Sharpe	J. C. P. Brown	4/14/68
Pamela Elizabeth Price	Percy and Elizabeth Price	J. C. P. Brown	4/14/68
Barry Matthew Minshew	David & Jacquelyn P. Minshew	J. C. P. Brown	4/14/68

Benjamin Guilford Prescott III	Ben & Janice Long Prescott	J. C. P. Brown	5/12/68
Lori Ann McLelland	Jack & Liza D. McLelland	J. C. P. Brown	8/25/68
Robbie Nile Dail	Robbie N. & Elaine M. Dail	J. C. P. Brown	10/27/68
Vicky Lynn Mizelle	Ray & Cora Jane Mizelle	J. C. P. Brown	12/1/68
Anna Wanda Newcomb Nielsen		J. C. P. Brown	12/15/68
Angelia Leigh Beddard	Leslie & Barbara Beddard	J. C. P. Brown	3/30/69
James Michael Baker	J. Frank & Joan P. Baker	J. C. P. Brown	7/20/69
Mary Allison Manning	David B. & Virginia Manning	J. C. P. Brown	8/24/69
Mary Elizabeth Gibbs		J. C. P. Brown	3/29/70
Helen Alison Dail	Robbie & Elaine Dail	J. C. P. Brown	4/12/70
Deborah Jean Drew	John T. & Twila R. Drew	J. C. P. Brown	4/12/70
Jonathan Dillard Lester	William W. & Frances D. Lester	J. C. P. Brown	4/12/70
Patsy Toole Lamparter		J. C. P. Brown	4/12/70
Mark Crawford Williams	Wesley & Sara C. Williams	J. C. P. Brown	6/21/70
Ellen Gurganus Coburn		J. C. P. Brown	11/15/70
Frances Humble Bunch		J. C. P. Brown	11/15/70
Stacey Jeanine Smith	David B. & Sandra Smith	J. C. P. Brown	11/28/70
Robert Richard Hoggard		J. C. P. Brown	1/10/71
Bryan Franklin Snead	H. Thomas & Mary D. Snead	J. C. P. Brown	3/28/71
Kevin Hudson Snead	H. Thomas & Mary D. Snead	J. C. P. Brown	3/28/71
James Wharton Snead III	James W. Jr. & Carol Hux Snead	J. C. P. Brown	3/28/71
Michael Scott Peele	Michael Allen & Judy Gurganus Peele	J. C. P. Brown	5/29/71
William Charles Hilton	Charles & Elizabeth Hilton	W. M. Ellis	10/24/71
Fred Chesson		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Laurie Beddard		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Elizabeth Baggett		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Fred Page		W. M. Ellis	2/26/72
Angie Meekins		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Frances Tucker		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Julie Williams		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Misty Joe Page		W. M. Ellis	3/26/72
Kelly Jackson Allsbrook	M/M James Allsbrook	W. M. Ellis	5/7/72
Ceelia Ballance	M/M Bob Ballance	W. M. Ellis	3/28/74
Kevin Warner Paige	Phil & Dianne Paige	W. M. Ellis	5/5/74
Jane Elizabeth Mizelle	Ray & Jane Mizelle	W. M. Ellis	5/5/74
Sara Kristofer Maner	Jim & Jean Maner	W. M. Ellis	6/16/74
Brandi Nicole Foster	Robert & Sharon Foster	W. M. Ellis	6/16/74
Melissa Ann Saunders	Jim & Shirley Saunders	W. M. Ellis	10/20/74
Patricia Taylor Manning		W. M. Ellis	
Faye Rodgerson	Re-Baptized	W. M. Ellis	
Hensie Bunch	Re-Baptized	W. M. Ellis	
George Bunch	Re-Baptized	W. M. Ellis	
Jean Maner	Re-Baptized	W. M. Ellis	
W. L. Thrower	Re-Baptized	W. M. Ellis	
Timothy Robert Bowling	M/M Robert Bowling, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	4/24/76
Paula Marie Parker	Patrick & Vivian Parker	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
Mona Elizabeth Douglas	Hubert & Woodie Douglas	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
Helen Louise Tucker	Ben & Hannah Tucker	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
John Wesley Williams	Wes & Sara Williams	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
David Brown Manning	Bobby & Virginia Manning	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
Michael Leonard Chesson	Fred & Patricia Chesson, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	4/3/77
Deanna Lynn Everett	William & Dale Everett, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	6/19/77
Kelley Susan Vann	Jim & Teresa Vann	W. M. Ellis	1/22/78
Timmy Mobley	Paul & Jackie Mobley	W. M. Ellis	4/16/78

Autumn Mobley	Paul & Jackie Mobley	W. M. Ellis	4/16/78
Joshua Mobley	Paul & Jackie Mobley	W. M. Ellis	4/16/78
Charles Justin Whitley	David & Linda Whitley	W. M. Ellis	6/18/78
Catherine Nichole Whitley	David & Linda Whitley	W. M. Ellis	6/18/78
Ray Gurganus	Edgar & Ann Gurganus	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Benjamin James Bowling	Robert Bowling, Jr.	W. M. Ellis	12/24/78
Benjamin Ward	Bill Long's Grandson	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Amy Roberson	Curtis & Elizabeth Roberson	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Vickie Mizelle	Jane Mizelle	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Lesley Ann Beddard	Lesley & Barbara Beddard	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Lori McLelland	Jack & Liza McLelland	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Leigh Allen	Leon & Ann Allen	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Mary Charlotte Rodgeron	Billy & Faye Rodgeron	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Pamela Harrelson	Ned & Mary Harrelson	W. M. Ellis	4/8/79
Michael Jeremy Jones	Jerry & Nancy Jones	W. M. Ellis	5/27/79
Patrick Herrington Parker	Pat & Vivian Parker	W. M. Ellis	6/17/79
Charles Kenan Hopkins	Wayne & Charlie Ann Hopkins	W. M. Ellis	9/16/79
Alexander Newsom Darden	Jim & Vivian Darden	W. M. Ellis	11/18/79
Donna Marie Flemming	Reggie & Denise Flemming	W. M. Ellis	5/18/80
Joshua Mobley	Paul & Jackie Mobley	W. M. Ellis	5/25/80
John Gray Currin III		A. W. Winstead	3/22/81
James Williams	(Adult)	A. W. Winstead	3/8/81
Jonathan David Whitley	David & Linda Jones Whitley	W. M. Ellis	1/7/73
Christine Anne Johnson	Craig & Frances Davis Johnson	H. Charles Davis	6/27/82
Colin Raymond Johnson	David & Pamela Johnson	H. Charles Davis	9/26/82
Henry Edwin Bowen, Jr.	Fran & Henry Edwin Bowen	H. Charles Davis	1/16/83
Lindsay-Rebekah Ellis Plummer	Vickie & Lennie Plummer	H. Charles Davis	2/13/83
Charity Lea Mobley	Jackie & Paul Mobley	H. Charles Davis	2/27/83
Jennifer Lynn Hall	Kenneth & Marsha Hall	H. Charles Davis	7/24/83
Michele Ann Lebel	Mrs. Ottman Leary	H. Charles Davis	8/7/83
Gary Wayne Lebel	Mrs. Ottman Leary	H. Charles Davis	8/7/83
Susan Elizabeth Whitley	David & Linda Jones Whitley	H. Charles Davis	9/11/83
Pattie Elizabeth Hopkins	Charlie Ann & Wayne Hopkins	H. Charles Davis	10/9/83
Brian Charles Johnson	Frances & Craig Johnson	H. Charles Davis	10/23/83
Jonathan Charles Cobb	Martha & Raymond Cobb	H. Charles Davis	1/15/84
Rodney James Flemming	Denise & Reginald Flemming	H. Charles Davis	4/1/84
Tommy Roberson	(Adult)	Irving E. Cook	3/31/85
Brian Roberson	Tommy & Lou Ann Roberson	Irving E. Cook	3/31/85
Lori Roberson	Tommy & Lou Ann Roberson	Irving E. Cook	3/31/85
Benjamin Bryan Mills		Irving E. Cook	5/15/83
Taylor Callaway Mills		Irving E. Cook	4/7/85
Candice Lauren Creech		Irving E. Cook	4/7/85
Stephen Grant Creech		Irving E. Cook	4/7/85
Matthew Doddridge McClanahan	Jane & Rod McClanahan	Irving E. Cook	4/21/85
Brandon Joel Mobley	Paul & Jackie Mobley	Irving E. Cook	6/15/86
M. K. Herrington	(Adult)	Irving E. Cook	12/8/85
Kendal Ambrose	Arnette & Kenneth Ambrose	Irving E. Cook	3/23/86
Katherine Ann Daniel	Carol & Howard Daniel	Irving E. Cook	3/23/86
Roy Peel		Irving E. Cook	3/30/86
Katherine Elizabeth Landry	Garry & Trudy Payne Landry	Irving E. Cook	6/15/86
Trisha Denise Cook	David & Karen Cook	Irving E. Cook	10/5/86
Ellen Katherine Arner		Irving E. Cook	6/14/87
Mary Frances Bowen	Eddie & Fran Bowen	Irving E. Cook	9/20/87
Jeremy Fowden	Leslie & Terri Fowden	Irving E. Cook	3/27/88





Reverend Irving Cook—Pastor at time of the writing of this History.



## MEMBERS 1853-1988

NAME	TO WHOM MARRIED	DATE RECEIVED	BY WHOM RECEIVED	DEATH	COMMENTS
Sarah F. Biggs			Robert J. Carson		
Helen Clements		5/23/1853	Robert J. Carson	1907	
Mary E. Carstarphen				1908	
Ann V. Deans			H. H. Gibbons	12/27/1917	
Elizabeth B. Clements	Simpson	12/1875	L. L. Nash	1932	
Richard W. Clary		3/1877	L. L. Nash	July/1909	
Maggie Carstarphen		3/1877	L. L. Nash	June/1907	
Bettie C. Jones		3/1877	L. L. Nash	2/17/1919	
W. H. Carstarphen		3/1877	L. L. Nash	11/4/1910	
Cornelia Donalson		3/1877	L. L. Nash		
Isabella A. Ellison		3/1877	L. L. Nash	3/25/1904	
William A. Ellison		3/1877	L. L. Nash	3/25/1904	
Susan E. Robertson		3/1877	L. L. Nash	3/15/1948	
Emma Griffin		3/1877	L. L. Nash	2/7/1929	
Elizabeth Mizell	Andrews	3/1877	L. L. Nash		
Elizabeth Pope		3/1877	L. L. Nash	2/7/1929	
Helen Rhodes			L. L. Nash	11/12/1936	
Sarah L. Harris		3/1877		12/27/1917	
W. H. Robertson		11/20/ 188	L. L. Nash	1921	
Emma Robinson			W. B. Doub	1897	
Elizabeth Slade		5/23/1853			(Transferred to Hamilton 2/4/1898)
			R. J. Carson		
Fannie Slade		5/23/1853	R. J. Carson		(Transferred to Hamilton 2/4/1898)
Elizabeth W. Short		3/1877		11/24/1911	
Jessie M. Guthrie			L. L. Nash		
Palmyra Draper					
Elizabeth Tucker		3/1877	James Mahoney	3/18/1928	
Nancy A. Wyatt		11/2/1881	L. L. Nash	1/1897	
Claudius W. Keith		11/20/1881	W. B. Doub		
Mary E. Biggs		11/20/1881	W. B. Doub	July/1901	
Sarah Daniels		2/19/1882	W. B. Doub	June/1895	
Nellie J. Anderson		11/18/1883	W. B. Doub	1903	
William Anderson		11/18/1883	W. B. Doub	1906	
John L. Harrell		11/18/1883	W. B. Doub	1900	
William Henry Short		11/18/1883	W. B. Doub		
Mary Short	Stallings	11/18/1883	W. B. Doub		
Elizabeth Cooper		3/21/1886	W. B. Doub	1895	
Effie Powell		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	12/27/1919	
Euzelia Deans		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie		
Harriet Gherkin		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	1910	
Mary L. Harrell		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie		
Pernina Roberson		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	10/4/1942	
Mary K. Ellison		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie		
John H. Hatton		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	1908	
Matilda D. Thrower		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	6/5/1971	
Bettie Teel		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	1/31/1956	
Bessie Rhodes	Maultsby		J. O. Guthrie		

Louvinia Williams		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	
Fannie Nelson		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	
J. H. Tucker		3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie	Jan/1908
Annie Cooper	Griffin	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Fannie Bateman	Crawford	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Charles D. Carstarphen		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	5/29/1929
John Leggett		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Lena Tucker	Gordie	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Belle Ellison	Godard	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Maggie Midyette	Carter	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
N. S. Peal		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Seth Mizelle		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	6/13/1918
Joe L. Roberson		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	Aug/1924
John M. Jenkins		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Sarah E. Jenkins		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Ora Jenkins	Burras	3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Mary E. Roberson		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Nannie E. Johnson		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	5/15/1898
James H. Roberson		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	
Henrietta Bateman		3/28/1889	J. G. Nelson	1907
W. H. Leggett		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	11/27/1929
Fannie B. Ellison	Pope	11/1890	J. G. Nelson	7/6/1918
Maggie Biggs	Tucker	11/1890	J. G. Nelson	
Bertha Whitley	Tweedy	11/1890	J. G. Nelson	
J. T. Deans		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	1900
Eliza Keith		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	
Emily Yarrell		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	Dec/1903
Annie E. Mizelle		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	
Cecilia Leggett		11/1890	J. G. Nelson	12/20/1941
Lizzie Rodgerson	Dawes	4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Emma Johnson		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Thomas F. Whitley		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
John R. Ellison		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Mattie E. Anderson		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Lorena Sitzzen	Jones	4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Anna Pope		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Carrie Lee Roberson		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Frank Rhodes		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Walter Tucker		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Willie Rhodes		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Herbert H. Pope		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Garland Midyette		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Helen Johnson	Harrell	4/1891	G. G. Harley	Jan/1898
J. G. Goddard		4/1891	G. G. Harley	
Mary Lee Fryar		11/2/1881	W. B. Doub	
George W. Blount		1/23/1892	G. G. Harley	Feb/1936
Allie Blount		1/23/1892	G. G. Harley	9/19/1912
Mrs. M. A. Hodges		10/7/1892	G. G. Harley	
T. W. Thomas		12/4/1892	G. G. Harley	1933
Maggie Moore		12/4/1892	G. G. Harley	
Evelyn C. Waters		6/18/1893	E. C. Sell	June/1921
Mrs. R. E. Glenn		1/11/1895	J. R. Sawyer	July/1897
John D. Thrower		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	1/12/1895

Merchant—  
General  
Merc.

J. B. Waters		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	Sept/1925	
Joseph Henry Harrell		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
W. J. Thomas		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
F. K. Hodges		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	7/3/1936	Grocery Merchant
Lena L. Hodges		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	1933	
Dr. Levi Yates		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	6/22/1898	
Henry P. Gibson		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
John E. Pope		12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer	7/25/1957	
Rosamond Pope	Crawford	12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
Eliza Bennett	Carstarphen	12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
Henrietta Peal	McCraw	12/1/1894	J. R. Sawyer		
Hennie Slade	Richardson	3/21/1886	J. O. Guthrie		
Henry T. Tetterton		4/11/1896	A. J. Parker	1900	
Joanna Tetterton		4/11/1896	A. J. Parker	1934	
Hattie E. Harrell	Harrison	4/11/1896	A. J. Parker		
W. A. Jones		4/11/1896	A. J. Parker		
Susan A. Thomas		4/11/1896	A. J. Parker		
James E. Saunders		4/18/1897	A. J. Parker	10/20/1941	Doctor
Mattie M. Parker		3/7/1897	A. J. Parker		
B. Frank DeLoatch		3/6/1897	A. J. Parker		
Thomas M. Whitehurst		7/18/1897	A. J. Parker		
Ida L. Fisher		2/28/1898	G. W. Fisher		
Della Swain		2/28/1898	G. W. Fisher	10/10/1898	
Garland Midyette, Jr.		10/20/1898	G. W. Fisher		
James Henry Roberson		4/30/1899	G. W. Fisher		
James Alonzo Leggett		4/30/1899	G. W. Fisher	1/16/1958	Drink Stand — Washington St.
Addie Euzelia Leggett		4/30/1899	G. W. Fisher	2/27/1962	
Mary Magdalene Tetterton	Brewer	4/30/1899	G. W. Fisher		
W. A. Tucker		4/30/1899	G. W. Fisher	1907	
Martha Henrietta Leggett		5/3/1899	G. W. Fisher	5/6/1943	
Jessie Stubbs Tucker		5/7/1899	G. W. Fisher		
Elizabeth Walker Woodhouse		5/21/1899	G. W. Fisher		
Mattie James Waters		5/21/1899	G. W. Fisher		
Mamie B. Tucker	Brock	9/27/1899	G. W. Fisher		
Susan Whitley Walton	Ewell	11/5/1899	G. W. Fisher	1924	
Margaret Louvenia Moore		12/3/1899	G. W. Fisher		
Mary E. Sutton		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
W. M. York		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Ida S. York		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton	1907	
Nolie York		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Walter G. York		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Junius G. Hays		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Eli Hodges		1/6/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Alfred E. Whitmore		2/3/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Catherine Whitmore		2/3/1901	T. H. Sutton		
A. D. Coburn		3/1/1901	T. H. Sutton		
James H. Hunt		8/1/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Lucy L. Biggs		7/1/1901	T. H. Sutton		
Maud Hopkins		12/1901	T. H. Sutton	1909	
Florence Titzell		12/1901	T. H. Sutton		
R. M. Zahniser		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Mina Zahniser		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton		

Sarah Cramer		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton		
J. J. Bryan		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Emma Bryan		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton		
J. Paul Simpson		1/5/1902	T. H. Sutton	11/5/1919	
Claude L. Cherry		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Mabel Idell Thomas	Peed	3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Mary Bonner Hatton	Gurganus	3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	7/4/1968	
Eula Augusta Bateman		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	Jan/1907	
Lillie B. Bryan		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Thomas Hopkins		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Eliza Ann Hopkins		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Hallie M. Champion		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Charles Henry Cowan		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Fountain Lipscomb		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Bessie Daniel		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Mary E. Bennett		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	11/30/1910	
John Henry Bembridge		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
William Thomas Bland		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Louisa Barnes		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
John D. Tetterton		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Lovet Biggs Harrison		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	5/20/1938	
Ida May Waters	Moore	3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
J. B. H. Knight		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	1924	Doctor
Ada B. Knight		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	Oct/1939	
Lawrence E. Corey		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Vannie Williams		3/24/1902	T. H. Sutton	1920	
May Bachelor		2/2/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Carrie Bachelor		2/2/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Flora Champion		2/2/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Nell Simpson	Newell	2/2/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Lela Newell		3/1902	T. H. Sutton		
James L. Champion		8/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Fannie L. Crawford		9/27/1902	T. H. Sutton		
William M. Pinnell		5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Lucy Mizell		5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Della Bland		5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Haywood L. Roberson		5/1903	T. H. Sutton	1906	
Nancy A. Adams		5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Carrie Campbell	Hardison	5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Mary C. Williams	Harris	5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
James Eli Roberson		5/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Rufus T. Coburn		6/1902	T. H. Sutton		
Vallie I. Meadows		7/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Lenora Collins		9/27/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Thomas J. Smith		9/27/1903	T. H. Sutton		
Mrs. T. J. Smith		9/27/1903	T. H. Sutton		
John D. Simpson		9/27/1903	T. H. Sutton	April/1929	
E. A. Lupton		1/1904	T. H. Sutton		
Pocahontas Lupton		1/1904	T. H. Sutton		
J. W. Pope		1/1904	T. H. Sutton		
O. K. Cowan		1/1904	T. H. Sutton		
Lillie Baker		1/1904	T. H. Sutton		
Stella B. McCall		11/1904	T. H. Sutton		
Maggie W. Rose		1/1905	E. E. Rose		
John C. Rose		1/1905	E. E. Rose		
Mattie R. Garrett		1/1905	E. E. Rose		

Addie G. Hayes		1/1905	E. E. Rose	
Maggie Graham		1/1905	E. E. Rose	
Rev. A. E. Whitmore		1/1907	C. L. Read	
C. McPherson Whitmore		1/1907	C. L. Read	
Addie S. Edwards		1/1905	C. L. Read	
C. L. Ellington		2/1907	C. L. Read	
Annie Ellington		2/1907	C. L. Read	
Miss Effie Powell		2/1907	C. L. Read	
Mary Oakley		2/1907	C. L. Read	
Nannie Braswell		3/1907	C. L. Read	
Luther Braswell		3/1907	C. L. Read	
William J. Francis		3/1907	C. L. Read	
Eva Pope Wolf	Parker	5/1907	C. L. Read	
Sue Leggett		5/1907	C. L. Read	
James I. Champion		5/1907	C. L. Read	
Flora Champion		5/1907	C. L. Read	
Hallie M. Champion		5/1907	C. L. Read	
J. G. Pool		3/13/1908	C. L. Read	1/17/1911
W. D. Jenkins		3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
Ada F. Jenkins		3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
Jamy H. Jenkins	Whitley	3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
Ruby I. Jenkins		3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
Bruce S. Jenkins		3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
Walter Jenkins		3/26/1908	C. L. Read	
T. J. Carson		1909	C. L. Read	
J. L. Carson		1909	C. L. Read	
J. S. Turner		8/11/1908	C. L. Read	
Minnie Clark Turner		8/11/1908	C. L. Read	
T. H. Blount		12/1/1908	C. L. Read	
Mary Bell Jenkins		12/1/1908	C. L. Read	
Margaret E. Melson		1909	C. L. Read	
Rosamond Crawford		11/16/1910	C. L. Read	1910
Pattie Irene Crawford		11/16/1910	C. L. Read	7/29/1966
Laura Parker		11/23/1910	C. L. Read	
Lillian Bradley		1/19/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Mary A. Bradley		1/19/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Mary Osborne		1/19/1911	Rufus Bradley	
J. D. Leggett		4/2/1911	Rufus Bradley	11/19/1911
Sarah Crowell	Halber-			
	stadt ,	6/28/1911	Rufus Bradley	12/6/1959
Rosa Crowell	Gurganus	6/28/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Ruth Crowell		9/3/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Fannie Melson		8/10/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Carrie Melson	Johnson	8/10/1911	Rufus Bradley	
Mary E. Harris		5/22/1912	Rufus Bradley	
Pearl Bryant		5/22/1912	Rufus Bradley	
J. T. Jerome		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Annie Jerome		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Carrie Dell Blount	Cunning-			
	ham	9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Jennie Moore		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Pearl Lynn Hill		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
J. W. Hight		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Myrna Hight	Dixon	9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	Tobacco Man
Julia Hight		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	
Pattie J. Edwards		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	



Fred Gardner		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Mrs. Fred Gardner		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Emma Robertson		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Josephine Robertson	Anderson	9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	Apr/1986	
Frances Knight	Parker	9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	5/24/1980	
M. B. McGowan		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Annie Mizzelle		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	1/9/1927	
W. T. Meadows		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford	1936	
Mrs. Ruth Robertson		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Julia R. Anderson		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Mrs. J. T. Stanford		9/15/1912	J. T. Stanford		
Rowland Robertson		1/14/1916	N. M. Wright		
May Bennett	White	1/14/1916	N. M. Wright		
J. M. Meggs		1/14/1916	N. M. Wright		
Mrs. J. M. Meggs		1/14/1916	N. M. Wright		
E. M. Gordy		2/1916	N. M. Wright		
Mary Elizabeth Gordy	Price	2/1916	N. M. Wright	10/6/1918	
William H. Carstarphen		5/1916	N. N. Wright	4/13/1958	Agent for Steamboat Line
Janie Edwards	Knox	5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Boyd B. Hight		5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Charles A. Knight		5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Mary C. Leggett		5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Mary Louise Robertson		5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Minnie Bland Robertson	Harrell	5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Irma Woodhouse	Lindamood	5/1916	N. M. Wright		
Idell Brown		5/1916	N. M. Wright		
R. B. Brown		5/1916	N. M. Wright	11/27/1943	Night watch- man
Claud Roebuck		5/1917	H. M. Eure		
Mrs. W. E. Liverman					
Sarah Cowles Sykes					
Josephine Sykes					
C. D. Carstarphen, Jr.		5/1917	H. M. Eure	6/20/1968	Steward at Bank
Mrs. Val Teel		5/1918	H. M. Eure		
Mary Leggett	Britton	5/1918	H. M. Eure	9/18/1983	
Emma B. Harris					
Bryant B. Carstarphen				11/5/1980	
William Edwards					
Bell Teel				8/17/1970	
Maggie Stubbs		6/1919			
Mrs. Della Hunter		2/1920	L. C. Larkin	11/16/1938	
S. E. Byron		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Mrs. L. C. Larkin		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Mrs. J. L. Wynn		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
J. L. Wynn		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
J. F. Hollingsworth		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
H. C. West		3/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Minnie Robertson		11/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Sarah E. Gurganus		11/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Bonner Gurganus		11/1920	L. C. Larkin		
Maurice Watts		1/1921	L. C. Larkin		
Jack Hunter		1/1921	L. C. Larkin		
J. W. Ward		1/1921	L. C. Larkin		
Dr. J. F. Thigpen		3/1921	L. C. Larkin		Veterinarian

Estelle Thigpen		3/1921	L. C. Larkin	
R. L. Lindamood		3/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. Laura Melson		3/1921	L. C. Larkin	8/11/1984
W. E. Liverman		5/1921	L. C. Larkin	
J. W. Watts Jr.		5/1921	L. C. Larkin	12/25/1977
William H. Harrison		6/1921	L. C. Larkin	July/1979
Mrs. J. W. Watts		9/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. Sam Harrell		9/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Professor J. M. Davis		9/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. M. D. Watts		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
John Garrett Sykes		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Evelyn Harrison		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Louise Crawford		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Myrtle Wynn		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Rosa Melson	Haywood	10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Martha Leggett		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. C. L. Brewer		10/23/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. E. R. Smith		11/1921	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. W. H. Booker		11/1921	L. C. Larkin	
W. Jesse Melson		3/1922	L. C. Larkin	
Claud Leggett		3/1922	L. C. Larkin	
Hibble Liverman		7/1922	L. C. Larkin	
Mrs. J. A. White			L. C. Larkin	6/1922
John L. Rogerson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Mrs. Berta Rogerson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Margaret L. Rogerson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Mary Elizabeth Rogerson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
J. S. Whitley		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	2/23/1957
Beatrice B. Whitley		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Bruce Chesson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	9/1955
Blanche Chesson		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	10/24/1926
Clyde Gurganus		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
William R. Liverman		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
James Dillon Cobb		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Marion Cobb		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
William Alton Daniels		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
James Herbert Ward, Jr.		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	4/16/1984
Hunter Price		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
John Benjamin Andrews		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	11/21/1971
Mrs. J. B. Andrews		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Bettie Harrell		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	8/9/1955
Deborah F. Warren		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	3/5/1961
Sophia Little		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	5/28/1941
Martha Cotton Crawford	Critcher	5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Mary Gladys Watts		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
George Hatton Gurganus		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
William Walton Leggett		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Evelyn V. Davis		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Dena T. Chambers		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
James Harrison, Jr.		5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
Mary Harrison	Coltrain	5/1923	M. R. Chambers	
R. A. Pope		2/28/1924	E. D. Dodd	
Christine M. Dodd		2/28/1924	E. D. Dodd	
J. R. Selby		9/1924	E. D. Dodd	
L. P. Lindsley		9/1924	E. D. Dodd	
E. P. Cunningham		9/1924	E. D. Dodd	

David Dodd, Jr.	9/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. G. B. Hollingsworth	9/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. L. P. Lindsley	9/1924	E. D. Dodd		
J. D. Harrison	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mary Carstarphen	10/1924	E. D. Dodd	7/23/1983	
Julia Ward	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Lettie B. Griffin	Andrews 10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
George W. Wynne	10/1924	E. D. Dodd	7/15/1941	
J. H. Nicholson	10/1924	E. D. Dodd	11/12/1975	
Raymond A. Roberson	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
James K. Glenn	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
A. A. Wynne	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mary G. Gurkin	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. J. D. Woolard	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Olive Murrell	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
G. W. Harrison	10/1924	E. D. Dodd		
G. W. White	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
John Wadsworth	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mildred Gurganus	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Sara E. Gurganus	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Ruth Ward	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
J. M. Oakley	11/1924	E. D. Dodd	1934	
W. S. Davenport	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Susie S. Teel	Coltrane 11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
James E. Baker	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Lee A. Glenn	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
J. O. Bullock	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. J. O. Bullock	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Melba Wynne	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. G. W. Miller	11/1924	E. D. Dodd	2/17/1960	
C. B. Sicheloff	11/1924	E. D. Dodd	10/13/1959	
Stella Ward	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
J. D. Ward	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
E. W. Neal	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
B. Duke Critcher	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		Entered Ministry
J. M. Hudson	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
J. B. Evans	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
T. B. Brandon	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. T. B. Brandon	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
W. L. Briley	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
W. L. Selby	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Shelton Daniels	11/1924	E. D. Dodd	1926	
Alfred Dixon	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
James W. Dixon	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Rebecca Lee Teel	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Lawrence G. Lindsley	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Sam Moore	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Floyd Wynne	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Mrs. Floyd Wynne	11/1924	E. D. Dodd		
Janie B. Edwards	Knox 10/1925	E. D. Dodd		
G. M. Preddy	10/1925	E. D. Dodd		
R. L. Coburn	10/1925	E. D. Dodd	11/4/1973	Lawyer
R. A. Critcher	10/1925	E. D. Dodd	10/29/1957	
Mrs. R. A. Critcher	10/1925	E. D. Dodd	12/20/1984	
R. S. Critcher	10/1925	E. D. Dodd	12/13/1957	

Mrs. Myrtle Jones		10/1925	E. D. Dodd	
Clara P. Lee		12/1925	T. W. Lee	
Dorothy Thrower	Leggett	2/6/1925	T. W. Lee	
Claude E. Jenkins		2/6/1925	T. W. Lee	
Belle Jenkins		2/6/1925	E. D. Dodd	
Herbert S. Whitley		6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	10/1976
Carroll Jones		6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	11/12/1975
Roger Critcher		6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Marjorie Jones		6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Wilda Jenkins	Harrell	6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Ruth Jenkins	Wheeler-			
	Bowen	6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Mildred Jones		6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Hazel Brown	Rhea	6/6/1926	E. D. Dodd	
Exum L. Ward		11/30/1925	E. D. Dodd	
Mrs. Exum L. Ward		11/30/1925	E. D. Dodd	
Mrs. O. P. Fitzgerald		11/1927	O. P. Fitzgerald	
W. S. Davenport		4/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
John Hatten Gurganus		4/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
E. S. McCabe		6/4/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. E. H. Matthews		9/18/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. E. A. Walston		9/18/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
R. G. Bradley		9/18/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
W. D. Mishoe		9/18/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. W. D. Mishoe		9/18/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. Ella Speight Troutman		11/26/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. Collins Peel		11/26/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Jodie Barnhill		12/1/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. Jodie Barnhill		12/1/1928	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Roger Critcher III		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Hugh Blount York		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	9/25/1975
Norman Matthews		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Meldon Matthews		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Raymond Mathews		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Wheeler Manning		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Theodore Hassell		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	1/4/1937
Mrs. Sallie Adams Manning		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Wilton A. Knox		6/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	Nov/1939
W. T. Robbins		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
W. R. Watson		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
S. E. Sprinkle		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Mrs. S. E. Sprinkle		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Lovalette E. Weaver		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
Elva Grace Barnhill		9/14/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
R. F. Pope		10/1929	O. P. Fitzgerald	
B. W. Tucker		11/1929	Dwight A. Petty	
Mrs. B. W. Tucker		11/1929	Dwight A. Petty	
Mrs. E. S. McCabe		6/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Olive McCabe		6/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Blanche Matthews		6/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Nellie Teel	Harrison	6/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
M. H. Linebarger		8/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Mrs. M. H. Linebarger		8/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
D. D. Dudley		8/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Mrs. John A. Wier		10/2/1930	Dwight A. Petty	
Hulbert L. Daniel		10/2/1930	Dwight A. Petty	

Estelle Crawford		10/2/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Ruth Norton	DeLoach	10/2/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mrs. Levi Riddick		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mrs. L. A. Corbitt		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mr. L. A. Corbitt		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mr. M. J. Norton		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mrs. M. J. Norton		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty	2/26/1942	
Gertrude Norton		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mrs. D. A. Petty		11/1930	Dwight A. Petty		
Mr. and Mrs. C. A.					
Gradeless		1931	C. T. Rogers		
T. E. Daniels		1931	C. T. Rogers		
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Deek		1931	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. C. T. Rogers		1931	C. T. Rogers		
J. M. Rogers		1931	C. T. Rogers		
Virgil Gurganus Ward		4/19/1931	C. T. Rogers		
C. T. Rogers, Jr.		1931	C. T. Rogers		
Harry Lee Rogers		1931	C. T. Rogers		
H. J. Shaw		1931	C. T. Rogers		
Alice B. VanLandingham	Seletos	5/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Lee B. Jenkins		5/1932	C. T. Rogers	8/14/1959	
Louise Thrower		5/19/1931	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. D. C. Sharpe		5/19/1931	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. Maggie Daniels		5/19/1931	C. T. Rogers	7/2/1965	
Fred Chesson		5/19/1931	C. T. Rogers	5/14/1986	
Mrs. Fred Chesson		5/19/1931	C. T. Rogers		
Marjorie Jones Rogers		5/1932	C. T. Rogers	5/23/1980	
Mrs. Jordan Ward		7/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Bernice M. Ward		5/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Roy Leggett		5/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. J. H. Dixon		1/4/1931	C. T. Rogers		
W. B. Daniels		1932	C. T. Rogers	Feb/1944	
Mrs. W. B. Daniels		1932	C. T. Rogers	Aug/1940	
Bennie Daniels		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Julia Daniels		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Susie Mae Daniels		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Martha R. Ward		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Ruth M. Ward		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Oscar Jones		1932	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. Oscar Jones		1932	C. T. Rogers		
Marjorie Jones		1932	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. C. E. Hardy		1932	C. T. Rogers		
Fay Gurganus		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Elsie Gurganus		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Mollie White Ray		5/31/1932	C. T. Rogers		
Herbert L. Swain		2/10/1933	C. T. Rogers	11/1/1972	
Mrs. Herbert L. Swain		2/10/1933	C. T. Rogers	8/9/1980	
Olena Bell Swain		2/10/1933	C. T. Rogers		
Mary Catherine Swain		2/10/1933	C. T. Rogers		
Selma Swanson		7/19/1933	C. T. Rogers		
David N. Hix		8/15/1933	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. David N. Hix		8/15/1933	C. T. Rogers		
Mrs. Clyde Manning		5/29/1933	C. T. Rogers		
James Watts		4/15/1934	C. T. Rogers	2/7/1945	Killed in action over Italy
Jack Daniels		1934	C. T. Rogers	5/15/1968	



Mrs. Jack Daniels	1934	C. T. Rogers
Ben Daniels	1934	C. T. Rogers
L. A. Slade	1933	C. T. Rogers
Marjorie June Jasparr	1934	C. T. Rogers

Two Jewish  
children who  
were visiting in  
Williamston

Edward Allen Jasparr	(Baptized)	C. T. Rogers	
Mrs. Ben Daniels	1934	C. T. Rogers	
Mrs. Joe Everett	2/25/1934	C. T. Rogers	
Nina Louise Bennett	4/1/1934	C. T. Rogers	
Alberta Swain	4/1/1934	C. T. Rogers	
Mrs. Ricks Allsbrook	4/1/1934	C. T. Rogers	7/22/1956
James Baker	4/1/1934	C. T. Rogers	
J. H. Nicholson	4/1/1934	C. T. Rogers	1943
Mildred Jones		C. T. Rogers	
Mrs. Harry Smith	Feb/1934	C. T. Rogers	
Reba Matthews Cooke	Feb/1934	C. T. Rogers	
Herbert Clark, Jr.	Feb/1934	C. T. Rogers	
R. E. Dowd	3/24/1935	R. R. Grant	
Glennon V. Culpepper	12/8/1935	R. R. Grant	
George Bryant	9/24/1936	R. R. Grant	5/30/1940
Kathryn C. Williams	11/8/1936	R. R. Grant	
M. S. Cox	12/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. M. S. Cox	12/1936	R. R. Grant	
David B. Grisson	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. David B. Grissom	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
Joseph E. Boykin	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. J. E. Boykin	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
J. E. Boykin, Jr.	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
Mary Helen Boykin	2/3/1935	R. R. Grant	
Margaret White Jones	3/31/1935	R. R. Grant	
E. P. Hartley	3/31/1935	R. R. Grant	
J. D. Mason	11/20/1935	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. J. D. Mason	11/20/1935	R. R. Grant	1/6/1960
R. L. Carver	4/12/1936	R. R. Grant	11/21/1961
Mrs. R. L. Carver	4/12/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mary Grady Barnhill	7/1/1936	R. R. Grant	
Jerodine Humble	7/1/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mary Taylor	9/24/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. Lelia S. Cobb	10/18/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. Irene N. Wynne	11/8/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. Pattie Spruill	11/15/1936	R. R. Grant	
D. V. Clayton	11/15/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. D. V. Clayton	11/15/1936	R. R. Grant	3/9/1959
Mrs. D. L. Speight	1/31/1936	R. R. Grant	
Roy McClees	10/24/1936	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. Roy McClees	10/24/1936	R. R. Grant	
Floyd Bufflap	10/24/1936	R. R. Grant	7/14/1945
Mrs. Floyd Bufflap	10/24/1936	R. R. Grant	Drowned
Julia Clyde Waters	10/17/1937	R. R. Grant	
Lenora Melson	10/17/1937	R. R. Grant	
Mrs. Jerry James	10/17/1937	R. R. Grant	3/5/1966
Mrs. W. H. Harrison	2/7/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Christine High	4/10/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Al Ward	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	

J. B. Glenn	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. J. B. Glenn	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Margaret Ward	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Jimmie Ward	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Susie Griffin	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Charles Carver	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Penny Rose Waters	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Donald Dixon	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Grace Jones	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
John Wier III	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Alberta Knox	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
James Harris	1/6/1935	R. R. Grant	
Elizabeth Carter Grant	1/6/1935	R. R. Grant	
C. S. Richards	2/2/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. W. H. Burden	2/2/1938	S. A. Maxwell	12/25/1940
Mrs. S. A. Maxwell	2/2/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Lillian Maxwell	2/2/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Letitia Maxwell	2/2/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Dr. Ernest Ferguson	3/25/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mr. Claud Plyler	3/25/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. Claud Plyler	3/25/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Elizabeth Parker	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Claud Plyler, Jr.	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mr. Ben Long Rives	10/23/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. Ben Long Rives	10/23/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mr. William Sessoms	10/23/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Elizabeth Maxwell	4/9/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Gordon Bennett	5/10/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Joseph Thigpen	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Edna Earle James	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Burke Parker	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Ruth Ward	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Julian Mason	4/17/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Hattie Chaffin	6/13/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
John Thigpen	7/28/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Wheeler Gardner	10/23/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
J. E. Koger	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. J. E. Koger	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. Alice P. Edwards	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
James Ward	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	4/10/1966
Mrs. Nancy W. Wood	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	
J. L. Hassell	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	5/13/1965
Neal Jones	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	5/5/1987
Mrs. James Ward	12/18/1938	S. A. Maxwell	6/5/1964
Lois Ludwick	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. R. H. Grizzard	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Sam Edwards	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. Sam Edwards	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Hubert Satterfield	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. Hubert Satterfield	1/29/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Jimmie Knight	3/27/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
K. P. Lindsley	3/27/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
B. F. Britton	4/5/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. B. F. Britton	4/5/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Lucille Purser	4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Thomas B. Brandon, Jr.	4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	

Jessie Mae Melson	Bullock	4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Eliza Daniels	Upchurch	4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
John Daniels		4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Joseph Dixon, Jr.		4/9/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
A. F. Downum		7/30/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. A. F. Downum		7/30/1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Vashti Starnes Manning		12/24/1939	S. J. Starnes	
Gerald Odus James		12/24/1939	S. J. Starnes	
W. L. Thrower		Feb/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Mrs. J. W. York		4/18/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Mildred Lassiter		5/19/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Maxine Lassiter		5/19/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Eunice Anne Britton		5/19/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Russell Jones		5/19/1940	S. J. Starnes	
J. O. Patrick		Sept/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Mrs. J. O. Patriock		Sept/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Mrs. S. J. Starnes, Jr.		12/24/1939	S. J. Starnes	
Margaret Starnes		12/24/1939	S. J. Starnes	
Frances Starnes		12/24/1939	S. J. Starnes	
Randolph Allen		Sept/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Charles A. Knight		11/6/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Mrs. George Whitehurst		11/6/1940	S. J. Starnes	
Lois Hopkins	Frederick	1939	S. A. Maxwell	
Mrs. B. T. Hurley		11/15/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Dorothy B. Hurley		11/15/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Ruth S. Hurley		11/15/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Bernard T. Hurley, Jr.		11/15/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Marian F. Hurley		11/15/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Oswald Stalls		12/8/1940	B. T. Hurley	
Irene Hester		1/18/1941	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Wheeler M. Manning		3/9/1941	B. T. Hurley	10/19/1983
James H. Chesson		10/12/1941	B. T. Hurley	10/23/1962
Mrs. James Chesson		10/12/1941	B. T. Hurley	10/13/1960
William J. Woolard		10/12/1941	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. William J. Woolard		10/15/1941	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Randolph Allen		10/12/1941	B. T. Hurley	
H. B. Thompson		10/26/1941	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. H. B. Thompson				
Mrs. Clyde Griffin				
Jeannette Rose Andrews				
Robert Holmes Clayton				
Daryl Vincent Clayton, Jr.				
Helen Lucille Jones				
Eleanor Jane Banks				
Sadie Elizabeth Banks				
Elizabeth Taylor Manning	Inabinette			
W. C. Fussell		2/1/1942		
Mrs. W. C. Fussell				
Mrs. Herbert Whitley				
Edgar J. Gurganus		3/7/1943		5/30/1982
Mrs. Davis Harrison, Jr.		4/15/1942		
Elizabeth Whitley	Roberson	4/18/1942		
Harriet Peel				
Benjamin F. Grimes		8/7/1942		
Mary Louise Taylor		9/12/1942		
Mrs. Woodrow Tice		9/26/1942		

Mrs. W. C. Windley			
Mrs. D. W. Manning	10/7/1942		
H. M. Hoyle, Jr.			
Onward L. Robertson	10/17/1942		1/10/1976
Mrs. Onward L. Robertson			11/11/1986
Tilghman P. Wood	12/20/1942		11/29/1969
A. G. Sutherland, Jr.	4/9/1944		
John Peebles Watts	5/14/1944		
Wilton Allen Knox	5/14/1944		
Dorothy Louise Leggett			
Mary Carolyn Leggett	Bondurant		
Doris Mae Andrews	Brady		
John Benjamin Andrews, Jr.			
Jack Daniels, Jr.			
Doris Marie Gurganus	Cumbee		
Norma Rae Wood	9/15/1944		
J. M. Pigford	1/14/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Elsie Gurganus	3/18/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Arthur Gurganus	3/18/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Arthur Gurganus	3/18/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Daniel C. Sharpe	5/1/1945	B. T. Hurley	4/17/1986
Bennett Daniels	5/6/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Mary Kate Daniels	5/6/1945	B. T. Hurley	
William Robert Griffin	5/13/1945	B. T. Hurley	
J. W. Hollowell	5/20/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. J. W. Hollowell	5/20/1945	B. T. Hurley	
John Whitley	6/17/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Fletcher Thomas	6/17/1945	B. T. Hurley	7/7/1985
Hobson D. Carter	Oct/1945	B. T. Hurley	5/10/69
Mrs. Clyde Walters	Nov/1945	B. T. Hurley	10/22/65
George H. Gurganus	Nov/1945	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. George H. Gurganus	1945	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. John H. Gurganus	Dec/1945	B. T. Hurley	
W. H. Abernathy	Apr/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. W. H. Abernathy	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Barbara H. Gurganus			
McRae	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Ann Crawford Gresham	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Ann Davis Peele	Eddie Harris		
	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Dr. J. T. Llewellyn	Jun/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. E. C. Jones	Jul/1946	B. T. Hurley	8/17/77
George W. Corey	Aug/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. George W. Corey	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. James Williams	Sep/1946	B. T. Hurley	1978
B. G. Stewart	Sep/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. B. G. Stewart	Sep/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Glayden Stewart	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Wilbur Stewart	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Ernest Douglas Peele	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Reginald Turner Manning	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Wm. Marvin Baker	Oct/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Marvin Baker	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Joyce Ruth Baker	Ben Hardison		
	1946	B. T. Hurley	
Thurman H. Matthews	1946	B. T. Hurley	1/10/76

William Woodrow Tice		1946	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen		Apr/1947	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Kathryn Newton		1947	B. T. Hurley	
Hoke S. Roberson		1947	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Hoke Roberson		Jun/1947	B. T. Hurley	
Joseph Edward Clayton		Oct/1947	B. T. Hurley	
Mrs. Lucy Ward		Nov/1947	B. T. Hurley	3/6/66
Mary Elizabeth Britton	Stewart	Mar/1948	E. R. Shuller	
Wm. Edward Morton		Oct/1948	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Whit G. Saunders		Oct/1948	E. R. Shuller	
Tommy Cooke		1948	E. R. Shuller	
Dr. Charles I. Harris		Nov/1948	E. R. Shuller	5/13/88
Mrs. Charles I. Harris		1948	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Daryl V. Clayton, Jr.		Feb/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Stuart W. Davis		1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. R. L. Coburn		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	8-21-86
Mrs. Wyoma Jackson				
Morris	Robert Dominy	Apr/1949		
Fisher Harris		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Fisher Harris		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Charles Thomas Harris		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Helen Faye Abernathy		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
John Claude Douglas				
Abernathy		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Nancy Holliday Britton		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Bufflap, Sondra	Lindelle Ward	Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Calvin White Chesson		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Ann Elizabeth Harrison	McKeel	Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Edward Ferrell Daniels		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Leona Decato	William Charles D. McNoughton— 1966	May 1949	E. R. Shuller	
J. Whorton Snead		Oct/1949	E. R. Shuller	6/27/78
Mrs. J. W. Snead		Oct/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Jimmy Snead		Oct/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Sudie Waters Baker		Feb/1950	E. R. Shuller	3/2/61
Percy Welch		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Percy Welch		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	
Louise C. Taylor		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	1/29/68
Bobby Carter		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	
Patsy Greene	James Daughtry			
William Thomas Crawford		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	12/20/59
Christine Crawford		Apr/1950	E. R. Shuller	
Robert Goddard		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Tilghman Wood		Apr/1949	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. C. H. Whitehurst		May/1950	E. R. Shuller	5/19/61
W. R. Banks		Mar/1951	E. R. Shuller	
George Bunch		Mar/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. George Bunch		Mar/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Horace Ray Gurganus		Mar/1951	E. R. Shuller	



M. Stuart Davis Jr.		Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Emmet Mimms		Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. W. E. Morton		Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Larry J. Bullock, Jr.		Apr/1951	W. R. Shuller	
William Debron Tetterton		Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	
James Maurice Stalls		Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	Date Unknown
Mrs. Dolly Stalls	James Maurice Joe Vopelak	Apr/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Robert Randolph Allen		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Marion Stuart Davis III		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Velma Vadasy		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
R. E. Tarkington		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	7/29/74
Mrs. R. E. Tarkington		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Wallace Tarkington		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	2/2/84
Mrs. Wallace Tarkington		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Robert L. Bowling		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. R. L. Bowling		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
James Vann		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. James Vann		May/1951	E. R. Shuller	3/31/71
Mrs. Peggy Carson Hardy		Sep/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Steve Clary		Sep/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Mrs. Steve Clary		Sep/1951	E. R. Shuller	3/1/64
Joseph A. Vann		Oct/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Dorothy Peele Vann		Oct/1951	E. R. Shuller	
Kathryn Baum Walston		Nov/1951	R. E. Walston	
Janet M. Walston		Nov/1951	R. E. Walston	
Johnny Baum Walston		Nov/1951	R. E. Walston	
William Lovett Harrison		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
Roy M. Rogerson		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
Moses Paran Wheeler, Jr.		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
Kenneth Brown Wheeler		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
Sidney Walter Herrington		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
William Latham Thrower, Jr.		Apr/1952	R. E. Walston	
Odell Leonard Herman		Jun/1952	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Elizabeth Harris Her-		June/1952	R. E. Walston	
man				
William A. Williams		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. W. A. Williams		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Wm. Dawes Urquart		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. W. D. Urquart		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. R. C. Whitaker		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
David Whitaker		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Jane Whitaker	Jackie F. Wade	Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Nooney, Mary Cornelia	Langley	Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Judy Louise Thrower	Kells	Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Lou Ann Windley	Tommy Roberson	Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
William Clyde Windley Jr.		Oct/1952	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Nina (Bunch) Loudon	Sim Webb	Feb/1953	R. E. Walston	
Kenneth W. Loudon		Feb/1953	R. E. Walston	5/79
Mrs. Eva W. Parker	J. A.	Apr/1953	R. E. Walston	
James Sherwood Allsbrook		Apr/1953	R. E. Walston	
Patsy Stevenson Bowling	James Dalton			
	Brown	Apr/1953	R. E. Walston	

Brenda Jeanne Clary	Bobby Holli-		
	day	Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
Wm. Clyde Griffin Jr.		Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
Martha Vick Leggett	Henry		
	Taylor	Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
Cora Jane Tice	Ray Mizelle	Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
		Apr/1953	
	Cliff Pacen-		
	ta		
James Walter Whitaker		Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
Pattie Joyce Alphin		Apr/1953	R. E. Walston
Lester Lee Knox		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Lester Knox		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Wm. Henry Carstarphen, Jr.		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Fred Louis Chesson, Jr.		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Virginia Manning	David	May/1953	R. E. Walston
L. L. (Chesson) Rhodes		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Carroll Jones		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Ruth Gurganus			
Kirkman	Hardison	May/1953	R. E. Walston
Raymond W. Cherry		May/1953	R. E. Walston
Jerry B. James		May/1953	R. E. Walston
A. Leroy Jameson		Jan/1954	R. E. Walston
Fred I. Walston		Jan/1954	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Fred I. Walston		Jan/1954	R. E. Walston
Daphne Dale Decato	Wm.		
	Everett, Jr.	Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Alice Gail Stalls	Dan Sharpe,		
	Jr.	Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Nancie Winbone Allen		Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Thomas Hinton Snead		Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Elbert S. Bailey		Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Elbert Baker Bailey		Apr/1954	R. E. Walston
Charles H. Bailey		Sep/1954	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Charles H. Bailey		Sep/1954	R. E. Walston
Roger G. Thrift		Nov/1954	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Roger G. Thrift		Nov/1954	R. E. Walston
W. E. Drake		Jan/1955	R. E. Walston
Mrs. W. E. Drake		Jan/1955	R. E. Walston
Mary Elizabeth Drake		Jan/1955	R. E. Walston
Patricia Anne Drake		Jan/1955	R. E. Walston
Dorothy Jean Tice		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
James William Bailey		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Bette Walston		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Barbara Ann Bailey		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Carole Allen Bailey		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Oswald Douglas Stalls, Jr.		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Sara Richie Decato	Reeves	Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Sr.		Jan/1949	R. E. Walston
James Edward Herrington		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Wm. Clyde Griffin, Sr.		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Thomas Waters Griffin		Apr/1955	R. E. Walston
Clarence Walton Griffin		May/1955	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Oscar Wiggins		Jun/1955	R. E. Walston
Richard P. Dorton		Jun/1955	R. E. Walston
Mrs. Richard P. Dorton		Jun/1955	R. E. Walston

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B. B. Rogerson	Jun/1955	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. B. B. Rogerson	Jun/1955	R. E. Walston	
Eli N. Nicholson	Jun/1955	R. E. Walston	6/11/65
Mrs. Fannie Bland	Jul/1955	R. E. Walston	4/18/56
John W. Wier ("Buddy")	Sep/1955	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. John W. Wier	Sep/1955	R. E. Walston	
David Wesley Nelson	Oct/1955	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. David Wesley Nelson	Oct/1955	R. E. Walston	
Warner Travis	Nov/1955	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Warner Travis	Nov/1955	R. E. Walston	
Joseph H. Thigpen	Jan/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Joseph H. Thigpen	Jan/1956	R. E. Walston	
Robert L. Coburn, Jr.	Apr/1946	B. T. Hurley	
Daniel Coble Sharpe, Jr.	Alice Stalls Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Ina Jane Clary	Eddie Col-train		
Arthur Elmo Gurganus, Jr.	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Linda Ruth Gurganus	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Herbert Stuart Whitley, Jr.	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
David Franklin Whitley	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Joe Bennett Creekmore	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Joe Bennett Creekmore	Mar/1956	R. E. Walston	
Ransome W. Earles	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	5/22/87
Lewis R. Ryan	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Lewis R. Ryan	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Letitia Ryan	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Lewis R. Ryan, Jr.	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Lewis R. Ryan, Jr.	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Luther Wilson Bowen	Apr/1956	R. E. Walston	
Jesse Rogers	May/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Jesse Rogers	May/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. Claude Leggett	Jun/1956	R. E. Walston	
T. Marvin Britton	July/1956	R. E. Walston	
Mrs. R. C. Mooney, Jr.	Jul/1956	R. E. Walston	
Robert Joel Mooney	Jul/1956	R. E. Walston	
Ralph W. McNinch	Sep/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Ralph W. McNinch	Sep/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Arnold L. Rutherford	Sep/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Arnold L. Rutherford	Sep/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Ronald Lee Rutherford	Sep/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
William H. Sanders	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. William H. Sanders	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Robert Lee Bowling, Jr.	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Annie Wallace Calloway	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Linda Faye Calloway	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mary Elizabeth Calloway	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Beverly Diane Daniels	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Ben B. Daniels	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
William Henry Daniels	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
John Hatton Gurganus, Jr.	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Judy Carol Gurganus	Michael Peele		
Jerry Wayne Knox	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Tommy Wilson Manning	Dec/1945	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Hoke Smith Roberson, Jr.	Dec/1945	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Joseph Shelton Roberson	Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	

William Lee Travis		Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mary Ann Williams		Dec/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Robert W. Morris		Feb/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Patricia Estelle Crawford		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Helen Ann Harris	Martin			
	Phelps	Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Dolly Loraine Holladay		Apr/1956	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Edwin Gerald Manning		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Iris Elizabeth Wood		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
A. Prince Purdy		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	Date Unknown
B. J. Verts		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. B. J. Verts		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Campbell Menaugh		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	Date Unknown
Mrs. Campbell Menaugh		Apr/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Everett T. Diggs		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Everett T. Diggs		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
W. H. Abernathy		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. W. H. Abernathy		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Helen Faye Abernathy		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
John Claude Douglas Abernathy		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
James B. Ellis		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. James B. Ellis		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
E. J. Sealey		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. E. J. Sealey		Jun/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
William Clinton Truett		Jul/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Wm. Clinton Truett		Jul/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Bernice Ward Lewis	Thomas A.			
	Conway	Jul/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Dr. E. K. Wright, Jr.		Jul/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Paul Hartman		Sep/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Paul Hartman		Sep/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Allen Hartman		Sep/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Grady Whitaker		Nov/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	12/17/57
M. P. Florey		Dec/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. M. P. Florey		Dec/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Jeanette Florey		Dec/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Charles Florey		Dec/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Peggy Florey		Dec/1957	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Dr. B. R. Tucker		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. B. R. Tucker		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
D. E. Parvin		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. D. E. Parvin		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Zane Grey Futrell		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Zane Grey Futrell		Jan/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Betsy Allen Baker	Beach	Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Billie Lynn Drake		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Robert Leon Greene		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Nancy Suzanne Jones	Smith	Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Joseph Claude Leggett		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Johnny Bert Manning		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Phyllis Ray Manning	Johnny M.			
	Rogers	Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Jandy Lou Mooney		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Carolyn Marie Parvin	James H.			
	Darden	Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	

James Kenneth Stalls		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Betty Sue Whitaker		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
John Roberson Whitaker		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Kathy Kay Whitaker		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Keith Wilker Whitaker		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Roy G. Manning		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Grady Whitaker	Garland Perry			
		Mar/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
J. P. Raiford		May/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. J. P. Raiford		May/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Fred S. Dixon		Nov/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	7/6/69
Mrs. Fred S. Dixon	J. C. White	Nov/1958	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	2/13/88
Mrs. Hugh R. Baker		Feb/59	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
David W. Poole		Feb/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. David W. Poole		Feb/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Larry H. Hartman		Mar/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Vivian Lee Herrington	Patrick Parker			
		Mar/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mary Evelyn Manning	Ronnie Sparrow			
		Mar/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Kent Alan Whitaker		Mar/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. I. S. Eubanks		May/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Theodore B. Perritt		May/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Theodore B. Perritt		May/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Cynthia Perritt		May/1959	R. C. Mooney, Jr.	
Mrs. Katherine Abernathy Boone		Jul/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Sidney Grant Boone, Jr.		Jul/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Louise Kimbrough Holland		Oct/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Harold D. McLamb		Oct/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Dorothy Norris McLamb		Oct/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Henry Samuel Thompson		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Bobby Carter Thompson		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Alan Carter Thompson		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Michail David Thompson		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Darwin Ariail Tallon		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Rose Green Tallon		Nov/1959	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Robert Marion Tallon		1/30/59	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Priscilla Jones Andrews		1/10/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Betty Lee Holladay	Bowen	3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Dolly Lorraine Holladay	Jernigan	3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Samuel Julius Boone		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Mary Anne Corey		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Charles Lawrence Gurganus		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Sarah Neal Jones		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Bruce Wynne Sharpe		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Holly Jo Thompson		3/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Robert Max Rutherford		4/17/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Anne Beasley				



Gurganus	4/17/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Lola Bishop Daniels	4/17/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Robert Pitt Craft	6/19/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Barbara Corbitt Craft	6/19/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Bobby Howard Dillingham	6/19/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Valma Griggs Dillingham	6/19/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. W. J. Heard	8/21/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. W. J. Heard	8/21/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Robert Goddard	10/23/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Willie Gray Allen, Jr.	10/23/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Jay Pfeiff Allen	10/23/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Frederick Maurice Savage	11/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Allene Barnes Savage	11/27/60	Sidney Boone	
Miss Brenda Joyce Barnes	Louis Wayne Hawkins Roberson	11/27/60	Sidney Boone
Mr. Walter Herman Booker	12/11/60	Sidney Boone	1976
Mrs. Louise Robertson Booker	12/11/60	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Carleton McKerrrell Stallings	1/15/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Julia Jordan Stallings	1/15/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Thomas Edward Umphlett	2/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Jenean Madre Umphlett	2/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Sidney Stevenson Baggett, Sr.	3/23/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Dorothy Chesson Baggett	3/23/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Sidney Stevenson Baggett, Jr.	3/23/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. James Edward Stott	3/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Recca Brantley Stott	Piper 3/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Fred Swindell Dixon, Jr.	3/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Miss Susie Diane Kirkman	Page 3/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Miss Diane Stott	Clayton Crofton, Jr.	3/26/61	Sidney Boone
Miss Kathy Brantley Stott	Phil Daugherty	3/26/61	Sidney Boone
Mr. David Welk York	3/26/61	Sidney Boone	
Miss Dana Jane Clayton	4/9/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Hugh Edwin Bell	5/14/61	Sidney Boone	8/12/73
Mrs. Marie Sears Bell	Barnhill 5/14/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Joe William Cook	8/27/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Jean Tarr Cook	8/27/61	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Daniel W. Manning	11/19/61	Sidney Boone	11/1972
Mr. Frederick Clark Harmon, Jr.	12/10/61	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Dale Bullard Harmon	12/10/61	Sidney Boone	
Miss Margaret Karen Harmon	12/10/61	Sidney Boone	

Miss Nancy Fay Broda	12/17/61	Sidney Boone
Mr. David Elmer Minshew	12/24/61	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Jacquelyn Peterson Minshew	12/24/61	Sidney Boone
Mr. Frederick William Pohlman	1/14/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Ruth Ray Pohlman	1/14/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Henry Benjamin Roberson, Sr.	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Janice Davis Roberson	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Daird Clinton Stables, Sr.	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Roberta Robertson Stables	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Gordon Leon Switzer	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Jane Salyers Switzer	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Ben Beverly Daniels	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. James Carroll Jones, Jr.	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Thomas Morton Menaugh	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. David Eric Minshew	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Joseph Edward Parvin	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Joel Taylor Thigpen	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. William Alexander Williams, Jr.	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Eugene Swain Wood	4/22/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Harry Earl Gilbert	5/6/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Ethel Davis Henderson	5/13/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. John Davis Henderson	5/13/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. James Henry McNutty	5/13/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Laura Harvey McNutty	5/13/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. William Berry Baker	5/20/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Norma Strum Baker	5/20/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Thomas Walter Jenkins, Sr.	7/8/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Coleen Talbert Jenkins	7/8/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Thomas Walter Jenkins, Jr.	7/8/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. James Russell Batchelor	9/16/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Connie Liverman Batchelor	9/16/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. William D. Rodgerson, Jr.	10/14/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Faye Abernathy Rodgerson	10/14/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. Joseph Edward Landi	10/21/62	Sidney Boone
Mrs. Louise Boesch Landi	10/21/62	Sidney Boone
Mr. A. Leroy Jameson	1/13/63	Sidney Boone
Miss Sybil Ailene Bell	Sidney Her- rington 2/17/63	Sidney Boone
Denise Ann Ferris	Flemming 4/7/63	Sidney Boone
Donna Faye Ferris	Rawls 4/7/63	Sidney Boone
Frances Lamar Gurganus	4/7/63	Sidney Boone
Paula Dean Hartman	4/7/63	Sidney Boone
Barbara Jean Horton	4/7/63	Sidney Boone
Linda Paige Stallings	4/7/63	Sidney Boone

Lynwood Robert Stallings	4/7/63	Sidney Boone	
William Clinton Stallings	4/7/63	Sidney Boone	
Jo Ann Tice	4/7/63	Sidney Boone	
Kathy Susan Wier	4/7/63	/Sidney Boone	
Mr. Bobby James Horton	4/21/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Jeune Young Horton	4/21/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Caralou R. Johnston	4/22/63	Sidney Boone	5/4/63
William Andrew Rhyne	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Dorothy Bates Rhyne	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Miss Frances Anne Rhyne	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Marie H. Bates	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Thomas Lloyd Smith, Sr.	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	Date Unknown
Mrs. Nell Taylor Smith	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Thomas Lloyd Smith, Jr.	5/12/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Joseph Dennis Hardison	5/19/63	Sidney Boone	5/2/87
Mr. William Ronnie Kirkman	5/19/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. James Robert Leggett	5/19/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Hilda Tarkington Carswell	7/7/63	Sidney Boone	8/23/80
Mr. Larry Hugh Edmondson	7/7/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. William Douglass Alex- ander	7/21/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Frances Bizzell Alex- ander	7/21/63	Sidney Boone	
Sgt/Maj. Marvin B. Man- ning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Brenda Z. Manning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Frankie Ward Manning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Miss Linda Ann Manning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Robert Lee Manning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Miss Diane Louise Manning	6/22/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. W. B. Long	11/17/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Williard Long	11/17/63	Sidney Boone	
Miss Janice Long	11/17/63	Sidney Boone	
Miss Susan Long	11/17/63	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Jean Gupton Daniels	12/1/63	Sidney Boone	
Mr. David Massengill	1/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. David Massengill	1/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Dennis Massengill	1/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Donald Massengill	1/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. John Provo	3/8/64	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Juanita Provo	3/8/64	Sidney Boone	
Miss Tia Provo	3/8/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Terry Lee Stalls	4/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Miss Nancy Blount York	4/5/64	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Myles Foland	5/17/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. William David Bunch	5/17/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Ben Ira Hardison, Jr.	6/14/64	Sidney Boone	
Mrs. Joyce Baker Hardison	6/14/64	Sidney Boone	
Mr. Roy Gray Manning	6/14/64	Sidney Boone	
Nelson Kerley	6/21/64	J. D. Young	
Mrs. J. D. (Rube Jackson) Young	7/5/64	J. D. Young	
W. Coleman Moore	7/19/64	J. D. Young	
Mrs. W. Coleman (Martha) Moore	7/19/64	J. D. Young	

W. Coleman Moore, Jr.		7/19/64	J. D. Young	
Ray Mizelle	Cora Jane			
	Tice	8/9/64	J. D. Young	11/12/73
John Tabor Drew		1/17/65	J. D. Young	
Mr. Harold Upchurch		2/21/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Harold Upchurch		2/21/65	J. D. Young	
Val Leslie Teel		3/14/65	J. D. Young	3/13/73
Mr. Ray Emery Briggs		3/18/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Ray Emery Briggs				
(Page Smith)		3/18/65	J. D. Young	
Herman C. Wood		4/28/65	J. D. Young	
John Vernon Corey		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Rebecca Joy Ferrell		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Mark Jeffery Harris		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
James Edward Hartman		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Beth Louise Landi		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
James Lee Raiford		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Robin Ann Stables		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Eva Ruth Tarkington		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
Jennifer Bryan Thigpen		4/11/65	J. D. Young	
William Edwin Grady		4/18/65	J. D. Young	
Angela G. Grady		4/18/65	J. D. Young	
Charley J. Herring		5/30/65	J. D. Young	
Della Butt Herring		5/30/65	J. D. Young	
Arthur L. Ray		6/13/65	J. D. Young	
Phillis Ray		6/13/65	J. D. Young	
William P. Clement		8/8/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. William P. Clement,				
(Edna)		8/8/65	J. D. Young	
Edward N. Farnell (Ed)		8/15/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Edward N. Farnell				
(Gladis)		8/15/65	J. D. Young	
Leland Edward Farnell (Lee)		9/5/65	J. D. Young	
James C. Steed		9/5/65	J. D. Young	7/4/80
Mrs. James C. Steed				
(Audray)		9/5/65	J. D. Young	
Janet Steed		9/5/65	J. D. Young	
Patricia (Pat) Steed		9/5/65	J. D. Young	
Freddie Brown McKeel	Ann			
	Elizabeth	9/5/65	J. D. Young	
	Harrison			
William B. Long (Bill)		9/12/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. William B.				
(Willard) Long		9/12/65	J. D. Young	
Janice Long	Ben			
	Prescott	9/12/65	J. D. Young	
Susan Long		9/12/65	J. D. Young	
Bessie T. White		9/26/65	J. D. Young	1/11/82
Madge M. Borders		11/3/65	J. D. Young	1978
Carl M. Ferrell		11/17/65	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Carl M. Ferrell		11/17/65	J. D. Young	
James M. Newcomb		1/2/66	J. D. Young	11/21/81
James M. (Jim)				
Newcomb, Jr.		1/2/66	J. D. Young	
Mrs. James M. (Betty)				
Newcomb		1/2/66	J. D. Young	6/4/85

V. E. Britton, Jr.	1/2/66	J. D. Young	
Mrs. V. E. Britton	1/2/66	J. D. Young	
John R. (Jack) Haden	1/16/66	J. D. Young	
Mrs. John R. (Lucille) Haden	1/16/66	J. D. Young	
Brenda Foster (Don) Bray	1/16/66	J. D. Young	
Percy Price	2/13/66	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Percy (Elizabeth Busick) Price	2/13/66	J. D. Young	
Francis H. Leggett	4/3/66	J. D. Young	12/30/66
Carol Sue Ferrell	4/3/66	J. D. Young	
Richard Edward Landi	4/3/66	J. D. Young	
David Clinton Stobbs III	4/3/66	J. D. Young	
Janet Howard Thigpen	Mills 4/3/66	J. D. Young	
Victor Roger Daniels	4/9/66	J. D. Young	
James Russell Batchelor	4/17/66	J. D. Young	
Teresa Elaine Knox	4/17/66	J. D. Young	
Gregory Kirk Knox	4/17/66	J. D. Young	
Robert Goddard	5/1/66	J. D. Young	
Mrs. Leslie (Barber) Beddard	5/8/66	J. D. Young	
James Donald Bray	5/22/66	J. D. Young	
David Brown Manning	6/5/66	J. D. Young	
John S. Henderson	6/12/66	J. D. Young	
Charlotte C. Brown	6/19/66	James C. P. Brown	
Wesley Freeland Brown	6/19/66	James C. P. Brown	
James Russell Brown	6/19/66	James C. P. Brown	
Jack A. Runion	7/31/66	James C. P. Brown	
Joan H. Runion	7/31/66	James C. P. Brown	
Delton Jack McLelland	8/7/66	James C. P. Brown	
Lisa Daniels McLelland	8/7/66	James C. P. Brown	
Margaret Ann Needham	8/7/66	James C. P. Brown	
Marie Draper Smith	8/14/66	James C. P. Brown	1/24/87
Carol M. Allsbrook	9/11/66	James C. P. Brown	
James R. Saunders	10/23/66	James C. P. Brown	
Shirley K. Saunders	10/23/66	James C. P. Brown	
James Milford Newcomb, Jr.	12/25/66	James C. P. Brown	
Johnny Anthony Newcomb	12/25/66	James C. P. Brown	
William Clayton Newcomb	12/25/66	James C. P. Brown	
Josephine Marie Johns	12/25/66	James C. P. Brown	
Tlitha Ann Wynne Cooke	1/15/67	James C. P. Brown	
Joe Martin Vann	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	5/6/88
Deborah Lee Vann	Bunch 3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Mary Wallace Tarkington	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Virginia Merrill Brown	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Jane Martin Manning	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Bunny Elaine Minshe	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Rex Taylor Raiford	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Estelle S. Thigpen	3/26/67	James C. P. Brown	
Emily Dell Earles	Leon Williams 5/28/67	James C. P. Brown	
Paul S. Hupko	7/9/67	James C. P. Brown	
Lucy C. Hupko	7/9/67	James C. P. Brown	
Dr. Karl Van Horn	10/15/67	James C. P. Brown	
Ada R. Van Horn	10/15/67	James C. P. Brown	
Patricia Ann Andrews			
Chesson	11/12/67	James C. P. Brown	
Hilda B. Dahlsten	11/19/67	James C. P. Brown	8/15/81



M. Wesley Williams	1/21/68	James C. P. Brown	
Sara C. Williams	1/21/68	James C. P. Brown	
Perry Tyler Roane, Jr.	1/21/68	James C. P. Brown	1974
Helen Johnson Roane	1/21/68	James C. P. Brown	
Edward Frank Eason	1/28/68	James C. P. Brown	
Margaret Frances Eason	1/28/68	James C. P. Brown	
Willie H. Hofler	1/28/68	James C. P. Brown	
Ida M. Hofler	1/28/68	James C. P. Brown	
Dorothy Chesson Baggett	2/25/68	James C. P. Brown	
Irma Teressa Baggett	Leslie		
	Fowden	2/25/68	James C. P. Brown
Roland C. Crawford	4/14/68	James C. P. Brown	9/13/75
Barbara Hardison Ross	4/14/68	James C. P. Brown	
Pamela Elizabeth Price	4/14/68	James C. P. Brown	
Nancy Critcher Sharpe	Rogerson	4/14/68	James C. P. Brown
Barry Matthew Minshew	4/14/68	James C. P. Brown	
W. Mearl Meekins, Jr.	4/21/68	James C. P. Brown	
Patricia Bolen Kilian	5/12/68	James C. P. Brown	
Charlie Clifton Finch	5/26/68	James C. P. Brown	
Mary Ann Hamm Finch	5/26/68	James C. P. Brown	
Pauline W. Roberts	7/21/68	James C. P. Brown	
Joe W. Widenhouse, Jr.	8/4/68	James C. P. Brown	
Barbara G. Widenhouse	8/4/68	James C. P. Brown	
D. Joseph Seymour, Jr.	8/11/68	James C. P. Brown	
Linda Miller Seymour	8/11/68	James C. P. Brown	
Erwin Maxwell Hunt	8/11/68	James C. P. Brown	
Margaret Smith Hunt	8/11/68	James C. P. Brown	
Charles Tennyson Hunt	8/11/68	James C. P. Brown	1979
James Walker III	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
Joanne W. Walker	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
William Whitley Lester	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
Frances D. Lester	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
Robbie Nile Dail	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
Helen Elaine M. Dail	10/27/68	James C. P. Brown	
Steven Ernest Nielsen	12/15/68	James C. P. Brown	
Anna Wanda (Newcomb)			
Nielsen	12/15/68	James C. P. Brown	
Janice Brown	1/26/69	James C. P. Brown	
Glenn Calvin Brown	1/26/69	James C. P. Brown	
John T. Drew	3/30/69	James C. P. Brown	
Twila R. Drew	3/30/69	James C. P. Brown	
Angelie Leigh Beddard	Roberson	3/30/69	James C. P. Brown
Jane Elizabeth Runion	3/30/69	James C. P. Brown	
Timothy Lee Widenhouse	3/30/69	James C. P. Brown	
James F. Maner	6/22/69	James C. P. Brown	
Jean T. Maner	6/22/69	James C. P. Brown	
Patricia Kennedy Manning	6/22/69	James C. P. Brown	
Reginald Turner Manning	8/17/69	James C. P. Brown	
Thomas Zinavage	9/14/69	James C. P. Brown	
Zula Vance Zinavage	9/14/69	James C. P. Brown	
Betty Carol Zinavage	9/14/69	James C. P. Brown	
George C. Lowry	9/14/69	James C. P. Brown	
Elizabeth W. Lowry	9/14/69	James C. P. Brown	
Ferald Alston Rawles	11/2/69	James C. P. Brown	

Camille F. Rawles		11/2/69	James C. P. Brown
Jerry Russell Lackey		11/2/69	James C. P. Brown
Janie Triplett Lackey		11/2/69	James C. P. Brown
James W. Carroll		2/8/70	James C. P. Brown
Lee D. Carroll		2/8/70	James C. P. Brown
Melissa Ann Carroll		2/8/70	James C. P. Brown
William H. Everett, Jr.		2/8/70	James C. P. Brown
Ila Foltz Parker		2/8/70	James C. P. Brown
James Franklin Baker		3/22/70	James C. P. Brown
Joan Phipps Baker		3/22/70	James C. P. Brown
Arthur Lee Ray, Jr.		3/29/70	James C. P. Brown
Mary Elizabeth C. Gibbs		3/29/70	James C. P. Brown
Denis L. Lamparter		4/26/70	James C. P. Brown
Patsy T. Lamparter		4/26/70	James C. P. Brown
Larry E. Beyer		9/13/70	James C. P. Brown
Marsha D. Beyer		9/13/70	James C. P. Brown
Ellen Gurganus Coburn		11/15/70	James C. P. Brown
Robert Richard Hoggard		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Elizabeth McGregor GarrieDavid Arner		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Donald W. Norman		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Retha M. Norman		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Donna Renee Norman		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Kim Norman		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Melvin D. Williams		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Dorothy H. Williams		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Danny Lee Williams		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Cheryl Lynn Williams		1/10/71	James C. P. Brown
Mildred W. Gurganus		2/21/71	James C. P. Brown
David B. Smith		4/11/71	James C. P. Brown
Sandra H. Smith		4/11/71	James C. P. Brown
Robert H. Foster		5/2/71	James C. P. Brown
Sharon Perry Foster		5/2/71	James C. P. Brown
Burney S. Warren, III		5/2/71	James C. P. Brown
Judy Christiansen Warren		5/2/71	James C. P. Brown
Leslie T. Fowden, Jr.		5/23/71	James C. P. Brown
Luella Ruth Ellis		6/11/71	W. M. Ellis
Vickie Sue Ellis	Plummer	6/11/71	W. M. Ellis
Nancy Ann Ellis	Jones	6/11/71	W. M. Ellis
Joyce Marie Ellis	Gay	6/11/71	W. M. Ellis
Frederick Wallace Ellis		6/11/71	W. M. Ellis
Elizabeth Robertson		8/9/71	W. M. Ellis
Burton H. Calvert, Sr.		8/25/71	W. M. Ellis
Margaret R. Calvert		8/25/71	W. M. Ellis
Burton H. Calvert, Jr.		8/25/71	W. M. Ellis
Kay Calvert		8/25/71	W. M. Ellis
Charles Dean Hilton		10/21/71	W. M. Ellis
Mrs. Charles (Elizabeth			
Jeannette) Hilton		10/20/71	W. M. Ellis
George Cullipher		1/17/72	W. M. Ellis
Mrs. George Cullipher		1/17/72	W. M. Ellis
Fred Louis Chesson		3/26/72	W. M. Ellis
Julie Glenn Williams		3/26/72	W. M. Ellis
Angela Darlene Meekins		3/26/72	W. M. Ellis
Frances Ann Tucker	Bowen	3/26/72	W. M. Ellis
Barbara Laurie Beddard		3/26/72	W. M. Ellis
George Wilson Lowry		3/26/72	W. M. Ellis

Elizabeth Ann Baggett	3/26/72	W. M. Ellis	
Phillip W. Page	3/26/72	W. M. Ellis	
M. B. Daniels	6/4/72	W. M. Ellis	
Mary Kate Daniels	6/4/72	W. M. Ellis	
Benita Daniels	6/4/72	W. M. Ellis	
Bernard Collier	10/27/72	W. M. Ellis	
Dora Collier	10/27/72	W. M. Ellis	
Richard Dowd	11/20/72	W. M. Ellis	
Ann Dowd	11/20/72	W. M. Ellis	
Edgar Jarvas Gurganus, Jr.	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	
Steven Lynn Widenhouse	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	
John Randel Ellis	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	
Kenneth Edward Williams	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	4/26/81
Wesley Gene Meekins	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	
Bernard Warren Collier, II	4/15/73	W. M. Ellis	
Ozzie Huff	5/5/73	W. M. Ellis	
Jackie Huff	5/5/73	W. M. Ellis	
Dave Hoaglan	5/22/73	W. M. Ellis	
Lee Hoaglan	5/23/73	W. M. Ellis	
Jane Griffin	5/22/73	W. M. Ellis	
Ronald Higden	6/13/73	W. M. Ellis	
Peggy Higden	6/13/73	W. M. Ellis	
Debbie Brown	Calvin Brown	73	
		W. M. Ellis	
Jerry Sawyer	73	W. M. Ellis	
Joe Harrison	2/17/74	W. M. Ellis	
Bob Ballance	3/28/74	W. M. Ellis	
Sally Ballance	3/28/74	W. M. Ellis	
Ray Ruddur	5/5/74	W. M. Ellis	11/1/81
Vickie Sawyer	73	W. M. Ellis	
Val Rudder	5/5/74	W. M. Ellis	
Harlon McKendrick	6/26/74	W. M. Ellis	
Edith McKindrick	6/26/74	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. L. Vernon Russ	8/12/74	W. M. Ellis	
Shag Abernathy	8/16/74	W. M. Ellis	8/18/77
Mrs. Shag Abernathy	8/16/74	W. M. Ellis	10/21/85
Mrs. David (Linda)			
Whitley	1/19/75	W. M. Ellis	
William Andrew Tadlock, III	2/13/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mary Ethel Tadlock	8/13/75	W. M. Ellis	
Susan Tadlock	2/13/75	W. M. Ellis	
Jeff Hartman	3/23/75	W. M. Ellis	
Karen Williams	3/23/75	W. M. Ellis	
Howard Hobson	3/9/75	W. M. Ellis	
Helen Hobson	3/9/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Jack (Nonie) Burden	3/25/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Jeanne Batten	5/18/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Robert (Shelia)			
Goddard	5/25/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Reid (Betty)			
Lou) Roberts	6/22/75	W. M. Ellis	
Reid Roberts	6/22/75	W. M. Ellis	
Leon Allen	6/22/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Leon (Ann) Allen	6/22/75	W. M. Ellis	
Wayne West	8/10/75	W. M. Ellis	
Ruth West	8/10/75	W. M. Ellis	

Amy West		8/10/75	W. M. Ellis	
Ned Harrelson		8/21/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mary Harrelson		8/21/75	W. M. Ellis	
Hubert B. Douglas		10/1/75	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Hubert B. (Woodie) Douglas		10/1/75	W. M. Ellis	
Sidney Baggett		1/7/76	W. M. Ellis	
Jim King		1/7/76	W. M. Ellis	
Sally King		1/7/76	W. M. Ellis	
Felton Daniels		2/20/76	W. M. Ellis	1/10/76
Kenneth Ambrose		3/8/76	W. M. Ellis	
Arnette Ambrose		3/8/76	W. M. Ellis	
Howard Haskell		9/15/76	W. M. Ellis	
Willda Haskell		9/15/76	W. M. Ellis	
Wayne Hopkins		9/15/76	W. M. Ellis	
Charlie Ann Hopkins		9/15/76	W. M. Ellis	
Terry Suggs		11/12/76	W. M. Ellis	
Pam Suggs		11/12/76	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Hugh (Betty) Baker		11/18/76	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Peggy Gleason		12/3/76	W. M. Ellis	
Sam George		12/3/76	W. M. Ellis	
Pat George		12/3/76	W. M. Ellis	
Leonard Plummer		1/23/77	W. M. Ellis	
Ina Coltrain	Cox	1/28/77	W. M. Ellis	
Mona Elizabeth Douglas		4/8/77	W. M. Ellis	
Helen Louise Tucker		4/3/77	W. M. Ellis	
John Wesley Williams		4/3/77	W. M. Ellis	
David Brown Manning		4/3/77	W. M. Ellis	
Michael Leanard Chesson		4/3/77	W. M. Ellis	
Joe David Thrower, Jr.		5/4/77	W. M. Ellis	5/25/77
William Branch		9/6/77	W. M. Ellis	
Sandra Branch		9/6/77	W. M. Ellis	
Donna Branch		9/6/77	W. M. Ellis	
Debbie Branch		9/6/77	W. M. Ellis	
Kathy Branch		9/6/77	W. M. Ellis	
Jennifer (Mrs. David) York		10/13/77	W. M. Ellis	
Elbert Bailey		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
Ruth Bailey		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
Mack Chaucey		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
Nan Chaucey		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. James Vann, Jr.		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
James Vann, Jr.		1/22/78	W. M. Ellis	
Paul Mobley		4/16/78	W. M. Ellis	
Jackie Mobley		4/6/78	W. M. Ellis	
Will Hofler		4/30/78	W. M. Ellis	
Ida Hofler		4/30/78	W. M. Ellis	
Gary Trube		8/5/78	W. M. Ellis	
Patty Trube		8/5/78	W. M. Ellis	
Don Trube		8/5/78	W. M. Ellis	
Oscar Lee Creech, Jr.		9/21/78	W. M. Ellis	
Linda Kaye Creech		9/21/78	W. M. Ellis	
Mrs. Ollie B. Ulrey		10/21/78	W. M. Ellis	
Ray Morris Gurganus		4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Benjamin Prescott Ward		4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Amy Susan Roberson		4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Vickie Lynn Mizelle		4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	

Lori Ann McLelland	4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Lesley Ann Beddard	4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Leigh Taylor Allen	4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Mary Charlotte Rodgeron	4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Pamlea Renee Harrelson	4/8/79	W. M. Ellis	
Patrick P. Parker	4/13/79	W. M. Ellis	
Dr. Harold Ocam	4/27/79	W. M. Ellis	
Jan Ocam	4/27/79	W. M. Ellis	
Andrea Ocam	4/27/79	W. M. Ellis	
Joe Vopelak	8/2/79	W. M. Ellis	
Sylvia Marshburn	9/7/79	W. M. Ellis	Date Unknown
James Henry Darden	11/1/79	W. M. Ellis	
Doug West	1/8/80	W. M. Ellis	
Sharon West	1/8/80	W. M. Ellis	
Bernice Conway	2/11/80	W. M. Ellis	
Jack Roper	2/15/80	W. M. Ellis	
Mary Roper	2/15/80	W. M. Ellis	
Rodney McLanahan	6/1/80	W. M. Ellis	
Jane McLanahan	6/1/80	W. M. Ellis	
Elizabeth G. Faircloth	9/10/80	Arthur W. Winstead	10/15/81
Mrs. B. M. (Hazel) Shepard, Jr.	9/15/80	Arthur W. Winstead	
David Johnson	12/22/80	Arthur W. Winstead	
Pamela Johnson	12/22/80	Arthur W. Winstead	
William Hammond	1/25/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Trudy (Albaugh) Hammond	1/25/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Faye Smithwick	2/20/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
James Williams	3/8/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Jefferson Scott Price	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
John David Ambrose	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Mark Crawford Williams	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Mary Allison Manning	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Jason Marcus Allen	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Cait Osborne	4/12/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Mrs. Deborah Baldwin			
(Allen) Osborne	5/17/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Buford Martin	5/17/81	Arthur W. Winstead	10/4/83
Hazel (Mrs. Buford) Martin	5/17/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Grace Payne Carper	6/2/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Carroll Jones, Jr.	3/8/81	Arthur W. Winstead	
Frances A. Davis			
Craig Johnson	7/23/81	H. Charles Davis	
Mrs. H. Charles (Anne) Davis	7/23/81	H. Charles Davis	
Sonia W. Davis	7/23/81	H. Charles Davis	
Hugh Becton Payne	8/10/81	H. Charles Davis	
Mrs. Hugh B. (Janie W.) Payne	8/10/81	H. Charles Davis	
Joseph H. Pasell	8/28/81	H. Charles Davis	3/15/85
Mrs. Louise Kimbrough			
Holland	1/5/82	H. Charles Davis	
Mack Eugene Bowen	2/7/82	H. Charles Davis	
Gloria Varie Griffin Bowen	2/7/82	H. Charles Davis	
Kelly Jackson Allsbrook	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Michael Brian Harrelson	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
James Trahey Maner	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Misty Jo Page	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	



Anne Margaret Roberson	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Janet Louise Rodgeron	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Jeffrey Stewart Roper	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Matthew Sellers Roper	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Jonathan David Whitley	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Christopher West	5/30/82	H. Charles Davis	
Jacob A. (Allie) Stafford	11/14/82	H. Charles Davis	
Audrey Stafford	11/14/82	H. Charles Davis	
Timothy Mobley	2/27/83	H. Charles Davis	
Kenneth Hall	2/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Marsha Hall	2/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Frederick Wallace Ellis	6/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Lisa Freeman Tadlock	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Libby Elizabeth Payne	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	5/11/85
Autumn Jill Mobley	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Sara Kristofer Maner	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Jane Elizabeth Mizelle	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Gayna Patrice Hall	(Speight) 7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Timothy Charles Hall	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Jennifer Lynn Hall	7/24/83	H. Charles Davis	
Michele Ann Lebel	8/7/83	H. Charles Davis	
Gary Wayne Lebel	8/7/83	H. Charles Davis	
Fredrick I. Denning	8/21/83	H. Charles Davis	
Evelyn Denning	8/21/83	H. Charles Davis	
John "Buddy" Wier	5/6/84	Irving E. Cook	5/4/87
Evelyn M. Cook	6/17/84	Irving E. Cook	
David Paul Cook	6/17/84	Irving E. Cook	
Stephen Darryl Cook	6/17/84	Irving E. Cook	
Will Hofler	6/28/84	Irving E. Cook	
Ida Hofler	6/28/84	Irving E. Cook	
Sam Mobley	7/8/84	Irving E. Cook	
Shirley Mobley	7/8/84	Irving E. Cook	
Mike Wrenn	8/19/84	Irving E. Cook	
Mrs. Mike (Sherry) Wrenn	8/19/84	Irving E. Cook	
Mrs. Rupert (Barsha) Hasty	8/19/84	Irving E. Cook	
William D. "Bud" Brown	8/26/84	Irving E. Cook	
Alice Nicholson Brown	8/26/84	Irving E. Cook	
Benjamin C. Ivey, Jr.	1/13/85	Irving E. Cook	
Theresa Ivey	1/13/85	Irving E. Cook	
John R. Hendricks, Jr.	1/13/85	Irving E. Cook	
Tommy Roberson	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Brian Roberson	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Lori Roberson	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Kelly Payne	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Kelvin Page	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Rachel Wynn Manning	3/31/85	Irving E. Cook	
Bob Berlew	5/19/85	Irving E. Cook	
Ida Berlew	5/19/85	Irving E. Cook	
Nell Ambrose	10/6/85	Irving E. Cook	
Tom Kazee	10/27/85	Irving E. Cook	
Donna Kazee	10/27/85	Irving E. Cook	
Deanna Everett	10/27/85	Irving E. Cook	
Holly Presser Brickhouse	Milan		
	Brickhouse	12/15/85	Irving E. Cook
Otley Leary	Iris	12/29/85	Irving E. Cook
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Herb Bailey	2/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Howard Daniel	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Mrs. Carol (Howard) Daniel	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
John Scott Daniel	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Katherine Ann Daniel	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Bill Raymond	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Joann (Mrs. Bill) Raymond	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Jessica Raymond	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Gail Jones	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Catherine Nicole Whitley	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Kendal Ambrose	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Roy Peel	3/30/86	Irving E. Cook
Paula Parker	3/23/86	Irving E. Cook
Gary Landry	6/15/86	Irving E. Cook
Trudy Payne Landry	6/15/86	Irving E. Cook
Steve Williamson	8/31/86	Irving E. Cook
Sheila Williamson	8/31/86	Irving E. Cook
Ben Hardison	11/2/86	Irving E. Cook
Joyce Hardison	11/2/86	Irving E. Cook
Greg Hardison	11/2/86	Irving E. Cook
M. K. Herrington	12/8/85	Irving E. Cook
Ben Daniels	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Ruby Daniels	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Justin Whitley	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Matthew Raymond	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Joshua Mobley	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Starlynn Hasty	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Brandon Denning	4/12/87	Irving E. Cook
Don Stahr	8/9/87	Irving E. Cook
Mrs. Peggy Petterson	11/23/87	Irving E. Cook
Millie Stahr	8/9/87	Irving E. Cook
Richard Pearson	2/28/87	Irving E. Cook
Jeremy Shade Fowden	3/27/88	Irving E. Cook
Meredith Hardison	3/27/88	Irving E. Cook
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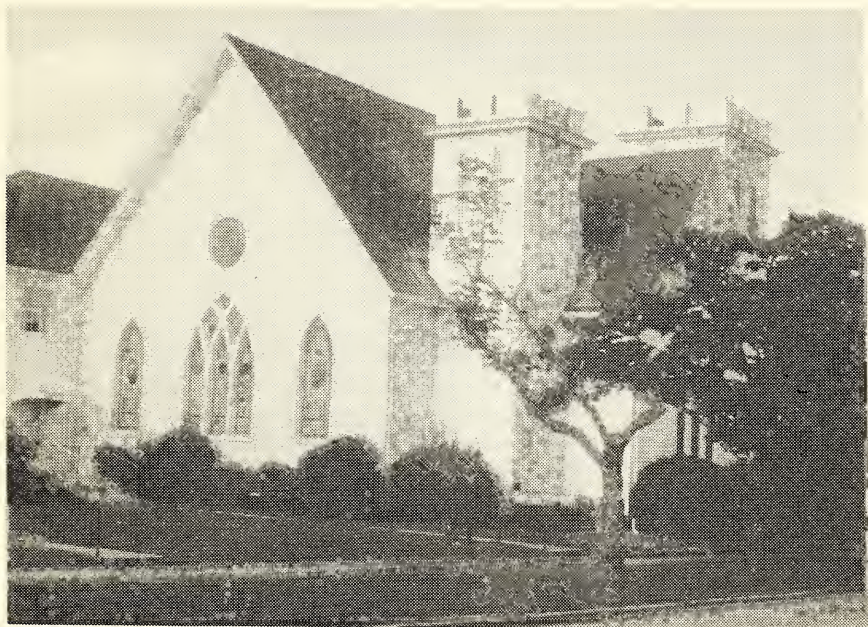
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